SUPPORTING ALL COLOURS

goal! Weekly

FOOTBALL FEDERATION VICTORIA

Captains of the respective Foxtel Cup sides prepare for the commencement of the 2008 VFL championship. Back row, Left to right, Michael Bosevski (Fawkner Blues), Felix Rozman (Oakleigh Cannons), Steven Mrkela (Altona Magic), George Goutzioulis (Richmond Eagles), Tony Oularis (Heidelberg United), Terry Antoniadis (Western Suburbs), Craig Elvin (Melbourne Knights). Front row, left to right, Tony Sterjovski (Preston Lions), Dean Anastasiadis (South Melb), Cameron Leopold (Frankston Pines), Deam Fak (Green Gully).

Photo by Daniel Pilis

www.goalweekly.com

$3

goal! Weekly

Season 4: Issue 2 Monday 18th February 2008

Supporting all colours and reporting in black and white

CRUNCH TIME ARRIVES!

Photo: Steve Starek

Copacabana International

LATIN FIESTA

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

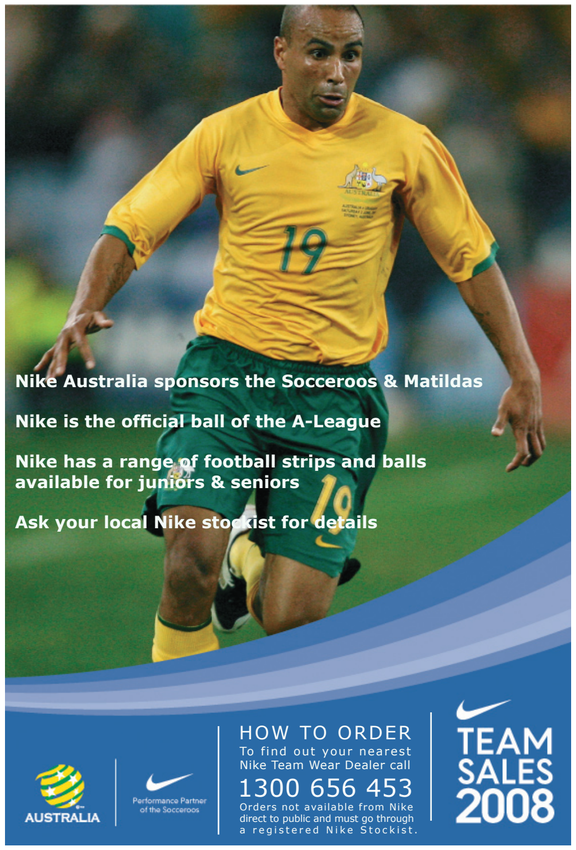
good friday appeal

Proudly supporting The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

DINNER, FLOORSHOW & 3 LATIN BANDS FROM $35pp. BOOK NOW 9417 7099

139 Smith St. FITZROY www.copacabanaint.com.au

The
FURNITURE
those rich people
DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE
Some people believe that sophisticated furniture shouldn't be sold at such unpretentious prices. Anyway, what would they know...
All VPL players & officials can contact Franc or Lenny Catalano on 9350 1000 to receive the "Football Family Discount" on any purchase.
RICHMOND 509 Bridge Road 9429 7717 · EPPING 3/560 High Street 9408 4911
NUNAWADING 343 Whitehorse Road 9878 8555 · OAKLEIGH 1517 Dandenong Road 9569 7099
ESSENDON Homemaker Hub DFO 9351 0669 · MARIBYRNONG Highpoint Homemaker Centre 9317 7037
FOUNTAIN GATE Fountain Gate Super Centre 8786 5770 · THOMASTOWN Homemaker Centre 9465 9611
TAYLORS LAKES Melton Hwy Watergardens 9449 0233
adriatic.com.au
ADRIATIC FURNITURE
EXCLUSIVE, YES. EXPENSIVE? NO.


Nike Australia sponsors the Socceroos & Matildas
Nike is the official ball of the A-League
Nike has a range of football strips and balls available for juniors & seniors
Ask your local Nike stockist for details
AUSTRALIA
Performance Partner of the Socceroos
HOW TO ORDER
To find out your nearest Nike Team Wear Dealer call
1300 656 453
Orders not available from Nike direct to public and must go through a registered Nike Stockist.
TEAM SALES 2008

Australia's Largest Circulating Independent Football Fanzine
Wants to Hear from You!
GW Seeking Sponsors for 2008
P 9645 1440

CANNONS' KEEPER COUP

Second time lucky for Cagalj?

When Adrian Cagalj and Melbourne Knights abruptly and surprisingly parted company less than a fortnight ago, little did the former National League goalkeeper realise that he'd be immediately thrown a lifeline by Oakleigh Cannons coach and former Rangers star Stuart Munro.

But it's a move that makes sense as this is the second time that the pair's football paths have crossed. Their link first was formed at Carlton in the National League in 1999 and Cagalj already had had a stint as the No. 1 custodian at Jack Edwards Reserve a few seasons back, winning the 2003 First Division championship and helping to cement the club's Premier League status.

The reverberations of the Cagalj–Knights split are still being felt in some quarters. It was the suddenness of the break-up that caught most observers off guard.

On 5 February, local paper 'The Advocate' quoted Cagalj as being really pumped up for the coming season, determined to see the Knights make up for the disappointment of their 2007 finals campaign. Cagalj was "adamant the players are hungry for the flag" and added that "the boys are looking forward to going a little bit better than we did last year".

While a week is a long time in another code, a matter of hours can usher in massive upheaval in the world game. Knights offered Cagalj contract terms that he believed breached a previous agreement and he refused to accept them.

It was a tough call for the 31-year-old as being the No. 1 keeper at the Knights was the achievement of a cherished ambition. "I supported the Knights from just about when I started to walk," said Cagalj. His parents are Croatian, father George arriving here in 1958 and Maria, his mother, in 1975.

Cagalj's career kicked off at Altona City juniors when he was just eight years old. He made his senior debut in Second Division when he was 16, thanks to coach Billy Hamill.

"Our regular keeper was also a wicketkeeper and his cricket involvement gave me a chance, but Billy also was good with youngsters that had talent. He always encouraged us at a time when a lot of senior coaches were reticent to do that," said Cagalj.

"I was all over the place at first but, once I settled down, in the 10 weeks that I played in the seniors I learned so much."

Cagalj then switched to Melbourne Knights as a youth team player under Zveto Rastocic but a year later he decided that being the fourth-choice keeper at the club was doing little for his development. He joined Essendon Royals in Division Two with the explicit aim of gaining a senior spot, which he did under then coach Ralph Barba.

"For some players the National Youth League was a good grounding but it didn't do a lot for me. I needed to play against men. I had a good season at the Royals and I started to feel very comfortable at that level. That's when I looked at Premier League."

And that's when Mate Bozic signed Cagalj for North Geelong. During that 1997 season Cagalj made 21 senior appearances for the Lara-based outfit and his performances did not go unnoticed.

"Jeff Olver was the goalkeeping coach at Carlton (in the National League) and he watched me against Fawkner and Springvale White Eagles. I had a good game against Eagles. Two weeks later we played against Altona Magic and Eddie Krncevic (Carlton coach) was there. Eddie went to North Geelong to watch me as well and that's how my move to Carlton came about."

Cagalj's experience at Carlton had a profound effect upon him. "It changes you forever in a way. Eddie had brought the same philosophies to Carlton that he'd been part of as a successful player overseas so in a way it was like being in Europe. A lot of us were sore and tired every day at the start because we were virtually full-timers but after two months you were absolutely flying."

Cagalj was with Carlton for two and a half seasons, making 12 senior appearances in the 1998/99 season. Munro replaced Krncevic as coach for the 1999/2000 season and Cagalj found his opportunities limited. "We had a pretty experienced team and it was pretty hard for me to sneak in to that top spot."

But Cagalj was to discover that during his stint at North Geelong his talents had attracted interest from outside the state borders.

"It turned out that Zoran Matic (Adelaide City coach) had been very close to contacting me a few seasons earlier as he'd had someone at that game between North Geelong and Springvale White Eagles."

So Adelaide was the next port of call and it was a successful spell. Cagalj made 11 senior appearances in the back half of the 1999/2000 season and the following season his 28 appearances firmly established him as a top-class National League custodian.

"Zoran Matic had different methods to lots of coaches and I guess you could say that he was pretty unorthodox. He could get the best out of lots of players but he was like a hand grenade and when he went off he really went off. Some players couldn't handle the mental pressure. But he taught me a lot about positioning."

Although Cagalj maintained his status at the club during the 2001/02 season, Adelaide had a poor year, finishing second last, just six points above New Zealand's Football Kingz. It was to be Cagalj's last season in South Australia.

"By the time I headed back to Victoria the National League had lost lots of its quality and I couldn't see the point of staying there. I'd also got my qualifications as a personal trainer so I came back here and joined Port Melbourne for the first half of the 2003 season.

Safe hands: Adrian makes his debut for the second time around for Oakleigh Cannons on Saturday.

"The club wasn't really going to do any good though and it didn't really matter whether we got beat 1-0 or 6-0, we were still going to get relegated. I spoke to the president and explained the situation and we struck up a deal with Oakleigh."

It was a successful switch as the Greek-backed Cannons, under coach Mike Chatzitrifonas, won the First Division title in 2003 and made a huge impact on the 2004 Premier League by finishing the home-and-away season in second spot, just three points adrift of table-topping Green Gully.

However, the 2004 finals series was not so successful, Oakleigh bowing out in straight sets and Bulleen going on to win the Grand Final. It was at the end of that season that Knights contacted Cagalj.

"At first I wasn't keen but then they rang back two weeks later and I'd been thinking that I'd never really played seniors there and it would be good to play for a club that I supported as a child."

Zlatko Vego was in charge of the Knights when Cagalj finally made his first appearance as first-choice keeper for the opening of the 2005 season but a 1–0 home loss to Fawkner-Whittlesea in Round 17 saw Vego dumped and replaced by club legend and former star winger Josip Biskic. But things were to turn decidedly sour for Biskic the following season. Cagalj takes up the story:

"Look, people at the club had tremendous respect for Josip Biskic and it's just a pity that a lot of political stuff got in the way during that season. I really believe that if the political guys had left us alone that we could have done some really big things that year.

"Eventually all the things that were going on off the field affected the players. They became unsettled. In the end some of our fans were coming to our games wanting us to lose; that's how bad it became.

"When Biskic resigned he said to the players that he knew what was going on off the field and that he didn't want to be a part of it. The players had meetings and a few of us said 'if we leave and the Knights get relegated what will happen to the club?'

I was the captain and there was no way that we were going to get relegated on my beat. As it turned out there was just one goal that saved us from relegation that season.

"Look, it's very hard to play when you lose friends that you play with. Some of us don't just have friendships on the field, we have very close friendships off the field as well. In the end, what happened in 2006 really tested people's loyalty and you felt split between sticking by your friends and sticking by the club. It was very hard."

The club's onfield fortunes changed dramatically last year under new senior coach Chris Taylor who guided the side to a second-placed finish at the end of the regular season only to suffer a heart-breaking 2-1 preliminary final loss after playing half the game with 10 men (star striker Anthony Pelikan was sent off in the 47th minute).

"We had some strong characters in that side, a really strong defence and it was our mental toughness that helped us when the going got tough last year. We just couldn't put teams away and that's what bit us on the arse in the finals."

But it's a new phase in Cagalj's career now and although much has been written about Oakleigh's change of direction with a focus on promoting younger players, Cagalj still sees plenty of experience in the Cannons' line-up and is confident that the side can make the finals.

"There's a lot of experience in the spine of our team and even out wide. And there's a lot of talent in the squad. Frank Lagana (from Essendon Royals) looks pretty special.

"I get the feeling that there's a quiet confidence around the club. It's going to take time for us to gel but once we do we'll do alright."

There's a quite confidence about Cagalj too. Less than a fortnight ago his football world was in turmoil but now that he's moved on there's a spring in his step again. He may well be ready to resume his mantle as one of the Premier League's premier performers.

By Craig MacKenzie
Photo by Darryl Kennedy

By Craig MacKenzie

FFV TO MOVE AGAIN

Fourth synthetic pitch for Darebin?

A new administrative location for Football Federation Victoria and a fourth, floodlit, FIFA-approved synthetic pitch at Darebin International Sports Centre are distinct possibilities this year.

FFV and Darebin City Council are understood to be holding ongoing discussions about licensing issues prompted by FFV's desire to tackle a growth problem that leaves its current premises far too small.

"The current administration office has people virtually sitting on top of each other already and we'd much prefer to move sooner rather than later," said FFV CEO Mark Rendell.

"We need to offer the best possible work venue for our staff so really what we're dealing with here is a capacity issue. We want to maintain our rights at Darebin, to continue our responsibilities of venue management and to maintain our elite development program."

Rendell added that Darebin City Council had been "very supportive" of FFV and that both parties were confident that the issues could be worked through successfully.

There's also has been talk of the council providing around $1 million to alleviate the office space problem but Rendell believes that "another synthetic pitch would be of much more benefit to the sport."

Already the complex is the envy of many. It is the largest football complex of its kind in Australia and a fourth pitch would enhance the facility greatly.

FFV chairman Tony Dunkerley echoed his CEO's sentiments about another pitch.

"I had a dream years ago of six synthetic pitches at the venue but for various reasons it never materialised, however a fourth pitch would be tremendous," said Dunkerley.

While a strong current rumour links the FFV with an administrative switch to Monash, no alternative venues have yet been considered at board level and we understand that when the matter is formally raised that possible venues on the city fringes are likely to be given priority.

When the move takes place it will be the fourth administrative venue for the sport in a decade. The then Victorian Soccer Federation left Soccer House in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda in the 1990s and moved to Dorcas Street, South Melbourne before relocating to Darebin a few years ago.

CAGALJ WAS SET TO RETIRE

Payment dispute led to switch to Oakleigh

Adrian Cagalj was set to retire from football this year after his recent shock departure from Melbourne Knights before Oakleigh Cannons coach Stuart Munro snapped up the former Knights captain and National League goalkeeper.

Cagalj, 31, claims that Knights failed to honour a pre-Christmas agreement and that he left the club he supported from childhood "on principle".

"When I shake hands and make an agreement with someone I expect both parties to stick by their side of the bargain," said Cagalj.

"I was called in a couple of days before the transfer deadline thinking that I was going to sign then suddenly I had a new set of figures thrown at me. I thought that I had an agreement with them pre-Christmas. It makes you wonder whether you were really wanted in the first place.

"But I'll stick by my principles. I would have retired this year rather than sign a deal that breached our pre-Christmas agreement. That's the truth about what happened the other week."

Knights coach Chris Taylor said that he was disappointed to lose Cagalj who was popular among his teammates and had been a fine keeper for the Knights.

"I was certainly disappointed to see him move on and he's still well liked around the place. It certainly came as a shock to everyone," said Taylor.

"It's no secret that we started training late due to some internal issues and we had key people overseas.

"The players never got signed until the final week of the deadline and the club has taken a new direction this year in terms of the pay structure. Basically we've moved to a performance-based set-up. If the players win they get paid handsomely. If they lose they don't get much at all.

"The simple fact of the matter is that Adrian and the club couldn't come to terms. It was a mutual split. It happens sometimes. That's part and parcel of football."

TONY CLARKE MEMORIAL SHIELD

The Tony Clarke Memorial Shield game between the Victorian Police Soccer Club and the Australian Legends was played yesterday prior to the Heidelberg United vs South Melbourne Foxtel Cup match at Olympic Village.

Each year the VPSC play a team of ex-Socceroos in remembrance of the life of Senior Constable Tony Clarke, a member of the VPSC, an avid football supporter, husband and father, who was murdered with own firearm in 2005.

Victoria Police display the Tony Clarke Memorial Shield which they won by defeating the Australian Legends 3-2

This week's line-up

Soccer Hotlines	3
Foxtel Cup Scoreboard	4
Eagles v Lions	5
Bergers v South	6
Pines v Cannons	7
Coburg v Suburbs	8
Zebras v AIS	9
GW Classifieds	10
Foxtel Cup Launch	11
Magic v Gully	12
Blues v Knights	13
Football Focus	14
Boo & Katsa	15
Soccer Sideshow	16
Interstate Football	17
Frank Loughran Tributute	21

Goal! Weekly is published every Monday by
Alimental Enterprises Pty Ltd
PO Box 142
Port Melbourne, VIC, 3207
Phone: 9645-1440

Printed by
Streamline Press
155 Johstone St
Fitzroy, VIC, 3065

Distributed by
All Day Distribution Pty Ltd
PO Box 42
North Carlton, VIC, 3054

News Room: (03) 9645-1440
Advertising: (03) 9645-1440

news@goalweekly.com
mailbag@goalweekly.com
www.goalweekly.com

Editor: Costa Koutropoulos
Art Director: Carlos Ibarra
Production: Gagandeep Singh, MJ Ali.

Contributors:
Nat Adamopoulos, Mark Boric, Richard Bartolo, Adrian Ceddia, Bruce Darnell, George Egonidis, Andrew Fisher, Jason Gillick, Steven Gray, Markian Jaworsky, Paul Jefferies, George Katsamboukas, Eddie Krncevic, John Kyrou, Sebastian Kipman, George Kouroumalis, Michael Lilikakis, Josip Loncaric, Craig MacKenzie, Nino Napoli, Joe Novella,Jeremy O'Neil, Teo Pellizzeri, Chris Priftis, Walter Pless, Mike Salter, George Stogiannou, Reuben Schembri, Richard Sucksmith,Lachlan Taylor, Nick Townsend, Elias Simopoulos, Michal Skrodsky, Addy Wetzler, Bruno Zovko,

Photographers:
Daniel Flis, Darryl Kennedy, John Punshon, Steve Starek. Therese Duffy, George Stogiannou.

Goal! Weekly endeavours to be as accurate as possible with everything it publishes.

The Fair Trading Act 1999 requires Goal! Weekly to disclaim any belief in the truth or falsity of information which is supplied to it and which is published in other than editorial content.

Authentic EPL Strips - Accessories - Balls - Team Apparel - Complete Soccer Gear

SOCCER SCENE

69 Victoria Parade Collingwood 3066 Tel: 9415 6925 / 9415 6926

FOXTEL CUP STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond Eagles	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Coburg United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Heidelberg United	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Oakleigh Cannons	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Frankston Pines	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Melbourne Knights	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Fawkner Blues	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Altona Magic	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Green Gully Cavaliers	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Whittlesea Zerbras*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AIS*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Melbourne	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Western Suburbs	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Preston Lions	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

RESULTS

Richmond Eagles	5 - 1	Preston Lions
Frankston Pines	2 - 2	Oakleigh Cannons
Altona Magic	0 - 0	Green Gully Cavaliers
Fawkner Blues	0 - 0	Melbourne Knights
Western Suburbs	0 - 3	Coburg United
Heidelberg United	2 - 1	South Melbourne
Whittlesea Zebras	*Playing tonight*	AIS

UNDER 21 DETAILS

Richmond 3 Preston Lions 1, Frankston Pines 1 Oakleigh Cannons 1, Western Suburbs 2 Coburg Utd 0, Altona Magic 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 3, Fawkner Blues 0 Melbourne Knights 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Richmond	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Western Suburbs	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Frankston Pines	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Oakleigh Cannons	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Fawkner Blues	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Melbourne Knights	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Preston Lions	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Coburg Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Altona Magic	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
V.I.S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whittlesea Zebras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heidelberg Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

THE TOP MARKSMEN

Player, Club	Goals
Cardozo, Pablo Richmond SC	3
Josifovski, Alexander Coburg United FC	3
Catalano, Michael Richmond SC	2
Apostolikas, Taxiarhis Oakleigh Cannons FC	1
Hockless, Graham Heidelberg United SC	1
Jones, Cameron Frankston Pines FC	1
Jones, Daniel Heidelberg United SC	1
Lagana, Frankie M Oakleigh Cannons FC	1
Milardovic, Tomislav Melbourne Knights SC	1
Principato, Jason Fawkner Blues SC	1
Sterjovski, Tony Preston Lions SC	1
Waite, Nicholas Frankston Pines FC	1
Zoric, Goran South Melbourne FC	1

ROUND TWO FIXTURES

RICHMOND EAGLES
v
GREEN GULLY
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Fri 22 Feb KO 8:15PM

OAKLEIGH CANNONS
v
HEIDELBERG UNITED
Jack Edwards Reserve
Fri 22 Aug KO 8.30PM

AIS
v
FRANKSTON PINES
AIS Field 14, ACT
Sat 23 Aug KO 6:00PM

SOUTH MELBOURNE
v
COBURG UNITED
Bob Jane Stadium
Sun 24 Feb KO 6:00PM

PRESTON LIONS
v
WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 24 Feb KO 6:00PM

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
v
ALTONA MAGIC
Knights Stadium
Sun 24 Feb KO 6:00PM

WESTERN SUBURBS
v
FAWKNER BLUES
Ralph Reserve
Sun 24 Feb KO 6:00PM

goal! Weekly

RICHMOND EAGLES

5 - 1

PRESTON LIONS

EAGLES PREY OVER HUNGOVER LIONS

Six goal bonanza in season opener

Richmond's new signings were on show at Kevin Bartlett Reserve, as second half hat trick to Pablo Cardozo and a Michael Catalano double delivered the Preston Lions a thumping 5-1 defeat in the opening clash of the 2008 Foxtel Cup.

If past form was any guide prior to this season opener, most pundits would have installed Preston as warm favourites, considering the reigning champions were up against a Richmond Eagles outfit which guaranteed their Foxtel Cup survival on the last round of the 2007 season. Off the pitch however, the Eagles and Lions had been active in the transfer market during the summer, with both squads making wholesale changes and signings for the new season.

Under the guidance of new coach Michael Chatzitrifonas, Richmond outplayed the champions for the bulk of the first half, with Preston lucky not to be trailing at the interval.

Richmond clinched the lead in the eleventh minute courtesy of some lacklustre Preston defending. Eagles youngster Jesse Krncevic swooped on a ball that Preston failed to clear out of their half. Krncevic's pass found Eagle debutant Michael Catalano at the edge of the box, who weaved his way around Lions duo Les Anastasiou and goalkeeper Lupce Acevski to finish in front of an open goal. Richmond should have scored from similar circumstances minutes later, but this time it was Krncevic who fired wide from twelve yards.

Against the run of play, the Lions squared the ledger in the twentieth minute with a Tony Sterjovski goal that is already a contender for the Foxtel Cup goal of the year. Catching Richmond on the counter, Nick Lazarevski's cross found Sterjovski running clear along the left wing and the Preston captain cracked a twenty yard finished to give Preston an unlikely avenue back into the match.

The match highlight reel soon ended for Preston, as a fitter and hungrier Richmond ran all over their opponents in the second half, scoring four goals during a fifteen minute blitz. It all started in the fifty-fifth minute as Krncevic again applied pressure on Preston's midfielders to snatch possession back for the Eagles. Krncevic delivered a cheeky back heel pass that freed Semir Sivic along the right flank and Sevic's cross was finished by Catalano in the six yard box. Catalano had his second for the evening and the Eagles could sense victory with half an hour to play.

Catalano's double was out shadowed by another debutant, Pablo Cardozo who scored a hat trick in the space of seven minutes. Cardozo's first was courtesy of Acevski's failure to clear a ball which was intercepted by Sivic. Sivic's pin-point cross found an unmarked Cardozo on the back post who headed home Richmond's third. Minutes later, Krncevic won a free kick for the Eagles in midfield twenty five yards from the Preston goal. The resulting set piece was converted by Cardozo with a bending ball fired into the net which stunned the six man Preston wall and Acevski who did not move off his line.

Despite the first three points sealed for the year, neither Richmond nor Cardozo were content and the onslaught continued for the Lions in the seventieth minute. Another new signing, Antun Kovacic, had the vision to deliver a long ball through midfield to find Cardozo again and the striker registered his hat-trick after weaving around Acevski and scoring with ease in front of an open goal.

Finishing four goal victors, Richmond coach Michael Chatzitrifonas was delighted with the result, in particular the fitness and work ethic of his squad from start to finish. To the contrary, Preston coach Goran Lozanovski was disappointed with the horror start, but thought it was too early to read anything into the result, stating "we coughed up four goals out of five from bad defending. We had a late start to preseason, lots of turnover with our squad and it will take us a good four to five weeks to find proper momentum".

Preston will need to find momentum as quickly as possible, with the Lions facing a grand final replay against Whittlesea, whilst Richmond's test against opposition from last year's top six continues as it hosts Green Gully in another Friday evening clash.

Richmond: Stuart Webster, Simon Webster (S. Rexhepi 81'), S. McCluskey, A. Kovacic, S. Sivic, A. Lines, J. Krncevic, D. Tsiaris, N. Kalambokis, M. Catalano (X. Sulemani 87'), P. Cardozo (Z. Cvetkovski 72')

Scorers: M. Catalano (9', 55'), P. Cardozo (63', 68', 70')

Yellow cards: S.McCluskey 35'
Red cards: None

Preston: L. Acevski, S. Masalkovski, L. Anastasiou, V. Pittito, R. Chillico (H. Matkovic 74'), F. Catalano, N. Schwal, M. Gasparis, T. Sterjovski, B. Georgioski, N. Lazarevski (I. Kolevski 61')

Scorers: T.Sterjovski (20')

Yellow Cards: R. Chillico 52', L. Anastasiou 65', T. Sterjovski 70'
Red Cards: None

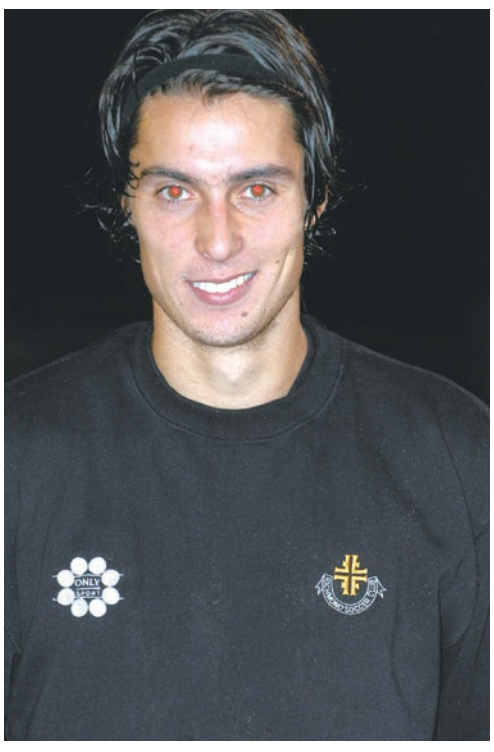
Man of the Match:
Jesse Krncevic
(Richmond Eagles)

Venue: Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Crowd: 1,500

By Simon McCuskey

Photos by Nome Risteski

Open season! Richmond's Simon Webster spins away from Preston's Nick Lazarevski during the 5-1 thumping of the champs.



Man of the Match, Jessie Krncevic of the Richmond Eagles.

TEAM SPORTS UNITED

"Your One Stop Soccer Shop"

For Professional Football Advice Visit "The Soccer Specialists" and Former Socceroos

Steve Blair & Ange Postecoglou at Team Sports United

Equipment Needs
Wide Selection of Boots
Merchandise
Genuine Replica Shirts
Posters & Key-Rings
Goalkeeper Accessories
Trophies Made to Order
Licensed Balls

Shop 4/119 Lonsdale Street Dandenong VIC 3175 P:9792 5022 E:teamsportsutd@optusnet.com.au

HEIDELBERG UNITED

2 - 1

SOUTH MELBOURNE

BERGERS DERBY DAY DELIGHT

Jones slots last minute winner

Heidelberg United has started the 2008 season in promising fashion, defeating arch rival South Melbourne in a spirited derby match at Olympic Village on Sunday.

Both teams came into the game with fairly new look squads, headlined by spiritual leader Eric Vasiliadis returning for the Warriors from the Whittlesea Zebras.

South started the game with a new look defensive duo also, with Shane Nunes and Steven O'dor asked to perform central defensive duties, an area which last year posed a large problem for the side from lakeside.

The game started off in quite a timid manner, with both sides reluctant to venture too far forward in the early stages, rather being more than happy to knock the ball around without any forward movement.

The first genuine chance of the contest came in the 15th minute, when a well constructed move saw the ball find its way to the feet of Vasiliadis just outside the area.

After taking a touch, Vasiliadis sliced the ball wide and over the intended target.

South then pressed forward in the 20th minute when a sublime through ball by Nathan Caldwell released youngster and South new-boy Goran Zoric into acres of space.

Zoric, after running into the area, then hit a low drive onto the target, only for new Heidelberg keeper Mark Sutalo to save the shot.

From the rebound, Zoric was quite to pounce and buried home the gift handed to him.

With South in command following the goal, they could immediately sense that perhaps a second goal was immanent.

An attacking foray forward in the 22nd minute, saw a confident Zoric breeze past Liparotti and shoot at goal almost immediately.

Unfortunately for the fast winger, the ball flew past the outside of the post and away for a goal kick.

With the Warriors aware of South's capabilities in the forward half, the home side decided to push forward themselves and came close in the 31st minute, when a Vasiliadis cross was headed inches over the bar by Mark Tsiorlas.

The Warriors though were on equal terms four minutes later, when a lovely ball found Graham Hockless in space, with the stagnant South defence shouting for an offside call to be made.

With no defender around him, Hockless composed himself and drilled the ball past Dean Anastasiadis to send the small home contingent into raptures.

Heidelberg were starting to dominate the midfield area and Vasiliadis once again proved dangerous in the 43rd minute, after a superb run by Liparotti culminated in the former South Melbourne defender playing the ball to that man Vasiliadis outside the area.

From an acute angle, the former Whittlesea midfielder hit the drive into the arms of the waiting Anastasiaidis, who was quite vocal after the save, calling for his defence to tighten up.

The final chance of the opening half saw a free kick given to South Melbourne outside the area.

Ricky Diaco stepped up and hit a curling and well struck free kick onto the target, only for Sutalo to make a great save to his right hand side, forcing the ball for a corner.

With both sides keen to get a result, the second half started off with yet another chance falling to Vasiliadis, who hit his free kick from 18 yards directly into the arms of Anastasiaidis, who once again thwarted the Heidelberg veteran

The 58th minute then saw South miss the chance of the game..

In what left the strong traveling faithful in disbelief, a superb bit of wing play by Zoric, saw the youngster skip past a host of defenders and provide an inch perfect pass directly onto the head of Nathan Caldwell.

With only Sutalo to beat, Caldwell barely made contact on the header, with the ball rolling out for a harmless goal kick.

With the warm conditions seemingly slowing the tempo of the match right down, the next major opportunity of the game fell in the 80th minute, when Yusef Yusef played young Zoric into space once again.

Unfortunately for the diminutive midfielder, his final shot then let him down, blasting the opportunity inches wide from only 5 yards away.

With Heidelberg sensing that the opportunity to take the points was still well and truly available to them, a strong move forward in the 84th minute almost snapped gifted the points to the home side.

On this occasion, the man-of-the-match Eric Vasiliadis found himself in space on the right hand side, before darting past Van Dommele and hitting a wicked shot onto the target.

The ball, which was saved spectacularly by Anastasiadis in goal, then fell directly into the path of the waiting Tsiorlas on the penalty spot.

In what was a great bit of goalkeeping, Anastasiadis regained his position and saved the point blank chance by Tsiorlas to keep his side in the contest.

The game however was decided in the 89th minute after a mix-up in the South defence allowed for Daniel Jones to claim possession just outside the area.

With all the defenders out of position due to the mix-up, Jones slotted the ball past Anastasiadis and into the open net to give his side a sensational derby victory.

Goals

SMFC – Zoric 20

HUFC – Hockless 35, Jones 89

Man of the Match
Eric Vasiliadis (Heidelberg)

Crowd – 3500 @ Olympic Village

By George Kouroumalis

Photos by John Punshon

Heidelberg's Daniel Jones tries in vain to pull back Fernando de Moraes from South Melbourne in the big derby yesterday. However it was Jones who scored at the death and the Bergers managed to get away with a win

FUTSAL SUPER 5's
5-A-SIDE INDOOR SOCCER
FOOTSCRAY
Corner Market & Essex Streets West Footscray (Thursdays)
COBURG
Coburg Senior High School Alva Grove (Mondays - Thursdays)
MENS, MIXED, WOMENS COMPETITIONS
CALL: 0433 000 444
Email: info@super5s.org
Website: www.super5s.org

FRANKSTON PINES

2 - 2

OAKLEIGH CANNONS

PINES BACK FROM THE BRINK

Honours shared in open day feast

Frankston Pines and Oakleigh Cannons put on an extraordinary show in the first round of the Foxtel Cup with a hard fought 2-2 draw in front of more than 400 spectators at Monterey Reserve on Saturday night with both sides flouting the strengths they bring to this year's competition.

Despite the Cannons being on the back foot in the early stages its defence remained stoic, largely thanks to defender Adam Ewin and keeper Adrian Cagalj, enabling the visitors to absorb Pines' early assault.

The Cannons turned the tables in the 18th minute, on the break, with a cracking Frankie Lagana strike that skimmed the inside corner of the right side of the Pines goal leaving keeper Brad Zealley absolutely no chance.

Oakleigh's next was less spectacular in terms of build up but not in overall effect nor was Taxiarhis Apostolikas' finish when he headed from the back post past Zealley to give the home side a nasty fright.

Typically, Pines remained undeterred and composed and its persistence payed dividends with only seconds remaining in the first half when Cameron Jones drove hard and low beyond Cagalj's grasp.

Pines had put almost everything up the left throughout the first and it was fittingly this strategy that yielded results when they most needed it.

Pines' lifeline came when centre midfielder Craig Smart delivered a quality wide ball to Boris Ovcin who whipped in a precision curling low cross which Cameron Jones met perfectly to give the debutantes a real sniff.

Oakleigh, understandably, was a touch reticent heading into the second half having almost nailed the match in the first 45 minutes.

The Cannons game plan was far more defensive than it otherwise would have been had they not conceded so late in the second half.

And Oakleigh's weakness soon became Pines' strength with the home side increasingly pulling it together as the game progressed.

Craig Metcalfe continued to ignite the midfield and polished performances from Jones and captain Cameron Leopold ensured most of the second half was played in Pines' offensive third.

But the Cannons were not about to lie down for the newly promoted upstarts and they continued to play a calculating style of football that denied many of Pines' real chances which included a few set pieces and corners.

Former Pines player and current Oakleigh defensive linchpin, Scott Webster, read the in- form Nick Waite well at times, limiting the big strikers influence for a while, but the often underrated Waite proved too much for the Cannons defence to handle.

Fed from the left, Esala Masi played his most potent ball of the day against his old club when he cut his cross back across the goal to Waite's eager melon.

The resulting strike found the left hand side of the net easily to bring up the equaliser.

While Pines continued to attack, and Oakleigh continued to sensibly absorb and occasionally counter, the deadlock was not to be broken.

Arguably, it was a fair result with both sides able to claim a half each. The lesson for other clubs is simple; treat each of these sides with caution.

Pines will not ever lie down, especially at home, and the Cannons, despite losing a number of senior players, have the maturity, stealth and strength to play any side at their own game on the day.

Frankston Pines:
B.Zealley, L.Trebbia, T.Malcolm, R.Duckworth, C.Smart, C.Jones, C.Leopold, C.Metcalfe, B.Ovcin, E.Masi, N.Waite.

Scorers: Jones 44', N.Whaite 54'.

Yellow cards: Ovcin 34'.
Red cards: None

Oakleigh Cannons:
A.Cagalj, J.Munoz (R.Nasser 58'), A Ewin, S.Drakos, A.Drakos, S.Webster, F.Lagana, S.MacNicol, S.Kelly (T.Waterson 57'), J.Nilo, T.Apostolikas (M.Lujic 71').

Scorers: Lagana 17', Apostolikas 71'.

Yellow cards: None
Red cards: None

Men of the match:
Craig Metcalfe (Frankston Pines)
Adam Ewin (Oakleigh Cannons)

Venue: Monterey Reserve
Crowd: 400+

By Jason Gillick

Photos by Darryl Kennedy

Watched by an enthusiastic peninsula crowd, Frankston Pines goalkeeper Brad Zealley takes command at Monterey Reserve on Saturday. Although Brad was beaten twice, the Pines finished all square with Oakleigh after the 90 minutes and opening day of the season honours were shared..

On me head, son! Frankston Pines' Nick Waite performs a balancing act with the ball as he slips between Stelios Drakos and Jonathon Munoz of Oakleigh Cannons. Pines captain Cam Leopold looks on from the background.

ONLY SPORT

Australian-owned company providing top quality sporting products

Playing Apparel - Equipment - Casual/Training - Corporate Wear

WESTERN SUBURBS

0 - 3

COBURG UNITED

COBURG ARRIVES IN STYLE

Josifovski nabs opening hat-rtrick

On a swelteringly hot Saturday evening North Coburg United were welcomed to the Ralph Reserve for a round one Foxtel Cup game against home side Western Suburbs.

Coburg United were competing in their first game in the top flight after finishing runners-up in the First Division last season and before the game many of their players were itching to get out there and get the game started.

An ambitious Coburg United announces its arrival in the Foxtel Cup by comfortably disposing of Western Suburbs at Ralph Reserve on Saturday. Double celebrations are in order as Alex Josifovski grabs the competition's first hat-trick of the season.

Western Suburbs were full of hope under new coach Kon Pappas, few had expected Suburbs to survive last season especially with four having been relegated but they did tremendously well and survived. We also saw the 2007 Gold Medal winner in Terry Antoniadis captaining the home side and again we congratulate him on that achievement.

The game began with both sides trying to establish a rhythm and neither side really getting the upper hand or any clear chances although North Coburg were looking the more polished and dangerous side as respects to creating chances.

After twelve minutes Suburbs fizzed a shot high and over the crossbar of the Coburg custodian Adam Hrehoresin and then Coburg took the ball down the other side of the ground and fizzed a shot over the bar of Stepjan Gal.

On twenty two minutes after the ball went out for a goal kick the referee blew for a five minute break to allow the players to rehydrate as the mercury climbed to 32 degrees. .

Upon resumption, Coburg took over the game and its midfield of Richards, Magnacca, Gilmore began to dictate the play and control possession and the Foxtel Cup debutants were starting to look very dangerous.

It was a fitting reward when a slide rule pass was put through which split the Western Suburbs defence right down the middle ran and onto Alexander Josifovski. He controlled the ball, composed himself and slipped the ball past an onrushing Gal to send the large contingent of visiting Coburg United supporters into raptures.

Both teams probed for the rest of the half with Coburg looking the more likely of the two teams to produce in the attacking half. As the referee drew the first half to an end, the visiting Coburg United lead by the single goal.

The second half showed just how much work the Coburg coach Joe Montemuro must have done with his squad as their fitness did not seem to wane while Suburbs seemed ti wilt slightly in the hot conditions. On sixty two minutes another splitting pass by Magnacca found Andrew Vlahos baring down on the goal of Gal.

Vlahos drew the keeper and put the ball past him, but in his attempt to thwart Vlahos Gal bought him down. The referee had little choice but to point to the penalty spot and reach for his back pocket producing a straight red card for Gal due to Vlahos being the last man on goal.

Josifovski stepped up and placed the ball on the spot, drilling the ball easily past reserve goalkeeper Reno Dimianou, who had come on for the sacrificed Nikola Raoma.

At this time it looked like it would be a procession but Suburbs, to their credit, battled on manfully. That was until the seventieth minute when Alexander Josifovski bobbed up in the box to nod home his third goal completing his hat trick.

Credit to the young keeper who came on after the red card for Western Suburbs as he made quite a few saves including tipping a goal bound shot from Brett Gilmore over the crossbar.

The visiting Coburg fans celebrated as the referee brought an end to the proceedings which saw the competition newcomers record a comfortable win by the score of 3-0. I am sure Montemurro would be very satisfied with the way his side defended and with the chances that his team were able to create.

Pappas on the other hand has some work on his hands to get some improvement out of his squad.

Western Suburbs next week are at home to the Fawkner Blues whilst Coburg United make the trip to Bob Jane Stadium to lock horns with South Melbourne in what promises to be one of the early clashes of two very good football sides.

Western Suburbs:
S.Gal, E.Cetkin, M.Batur, A.Tsonis, T.Antoniadis, N.Roama (R.Dimianou 62'), L.Kidtner, D.Hatzimouratis, V.Kalegeracos, (V.Sianidis 72'), T.Razov (D.Baresic-Niki 57').

Scorers: None

Yellow cards: None
Red cards: Gal 57'.

Coburg United:
A.Hreheoresn, S.Kovacevic, M.Mustafa, P.Tichy, R.Thomson (D.Rocco 72'), S.Pir, A.magnacca, B.Gilmour, A.Vlahos, A.Josifovski (N.Harrhy 77'), F.Richards (E.Garcia 62').

Scorers: Josefovski 37', 63', 70'.

Yellow cards: Gilmour 79', Josefovski 66', Richards 73'.
red cards: None

Man of the match:
Aex Josifovski
(Coburg United)

Venue: Ralph Reserve
Crowd: 400

By Reuben Schembri

Photos by Daniel Flis

ResultsVault football

Visit http://football.resultsvault.com for football results and statistics

VASILEVSKI AND PACE EXTEND CONTRACTS

Melbourne Victory has received another boost ahead of the AFC Champions League 2008, with confirmation that Daniel Vasilevski and Steven Pace have extended their contracts with the club for a further two years.

Vasilevski, 26, and Pace, 24, both made impressive debuts for Victory last season after being recruited from Altona Magic and the Preston Lions respectively in the Victorian Premier League.

Vasilevski became a regular in Victory's starting 11 towards the end of the season following a string of consistent performances that saw the right sided midfielder adopt a more defensive role.

"I'm wrapped," Vasilevski said. "I had a good second half of last season and I worked my way into the team and worked really hard, and I've got my rewards now with a new two year deal.

"I was at Perth Glory in the first year of the Hyundai A-League and it didn't really work out for me, so I went into the VPL and did the hard yards and played well."

Victory Football Operations Manager Gary Cole said Vasilevski had made the most of his opportunity with the club.

"He played 12 games in all towards the end of the season and perhaps reinvented himself in a position at right back, where we had a few challenges," Cole said.

"He's done a particularly good job and the club's done the right thing and rewarded that."

Pace displayed remarkable amount of strength and courage in the last game of the season against Sydney FC, playing the

Steve Pace

majority of the second half with a broken leg, which will keep him out of Victory's first two AFC Champions League matches.

"Pace came into the dreaded position of central defender for us, which is a bit of a curse, because we lost Daniel Piorkowski, so he came in as an injury replacement," Cole added.

"He again has done a good job, until he broke his leg about ten minutes into the second half against Sydney.

"He did an amazing job to get through that and he'll be right for the AFC Champions League campaign after Match Day 2."

Victory also confirmed that its three spots allocated for foreign players in the AFC Champions League 2008 will be filled by Carlos Hernandez, Grant Brebner and Leandro Love, with Joseph Keenan on standby.

"The squad for the AFC Champions League is everyone that's available, except for Joseph Keenan, he's our unlucky visa player that misses out," Cole said.

"We've got four visa players in total for the Hyundai A-League and only three allowable in the AFC Champions League, so we've gone for the most attacking group that we can and Joseph misses out.

"There is a small out clause up until March 9, we can replace any of the players with an injury replacement player,

Daniel Vasilevski

so we'll monitor particularly Grant Brebner and Steven Pace, and if we think there's a problem we'll be able to make a change."

Victory will take on Korean FA Cup winners the Chunnam Dragons in its historic first AFC Champions League match at Telstra Dome on Wednesday, 12 March (kick off 7:30pm).

VICTORY OVERCOMES ZEBRAS AT EPPING

Melbourne Victory's preparations for the AFC Champions League 2008 took another step in the right direction with a 3-1 win over Victorian Premier League side the Whittlesea Zebras at Epping Stadium on Valentine's evening.

English forward Stefan Moore, who is currently on trial in Melbourne after stints with Aston Villa and Queens Park Rangers, netted two first half goals, while Matthew Kemp added Victory's third on 60 minutes.

Victory stars Kevin Muscat, Archie Thompson, Danny Allsopp and new recruit Billy Celeski all featured in the trial match, allowing Victory Coach Ernie Merrick to rest a number of regulars.

"We still have several players rehabbing that we didn't give a run to such as Grant Brebner, Nick Ward, Joseph Keenan, Steven Pace and Ljubo Milicevic," Merrick said.

"Everyone else got a run and after a bit of a scrappy first 10-15 minutes we settled down and played some good football."

Despite conceding a penalty on 17 minutes, Victory made the most of a flawless pitch and equalised soon after when Moore received a pass inside the penalty area and calmly slotted his first goal.

Victory dealt with the blustery conditions and claimed the lead on 39 minutes when Kemp delivered a cross from the left flank, finding Moore in a perfect position to double his tally.

Kemp put the result beyond doubt with a deflected shot as Victory Coach Ernie Merrick made numerous changes, introducing a number of youngsters including Nathan Elasi, Sebastian Ryall and Evan Berger.

"It was good to see some of the younger players and new players fit in so quickly," Merrick said.

"Younger players such as Nathan Elasi and Evan Berger, who hasn't had much of a run, and I thought Billy Celeski was very good in midfield."

Merrick added that while there is room for improvement, the side is still on track ahead of Victory's debut appearance in Asia's premier club competition.

"I'm happy that we had the hit out, but we have to step up from that the next time we have a practice game.

"The boys are fatigued; three of our days were double sessions, plus a heavy session yesterday, the game today and a weight training session tomorrow.

"The boys get the weekend off and next Monday we'll be working pretty hard again."

Victory will host Korean FA Cup winners the Chunnam Dragons in its historic first AFC Champions League match at Telstra Dome on Wednesday, 12 March.

Action shots - Team photos - Subscriptions
Media facilities for publications and clubs
www.dvfimages.com.au
DVF Images
All Foxtel Cup photos now available on our brand new website

THE BALL STOPS HERE!

ELITE GOALKEEPING ACADEMY

- Cutting edge program
- One on one intense sessions
- Approved methods used by world class keepers
- Gain confidence in goal

TEL: 0425 766 265

CUTTING EDGE KEEPING

RIVER PLATE FOOTBALL ACADEMY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

Official branch of CA River Plate FC

"The Giants of South American Football"

For enquiries contact:
Daniel Santomil
0411 517 479

"By Far The Greatest"

www.riverplateaustralia.com
riverplateaustralia@hotmail.com

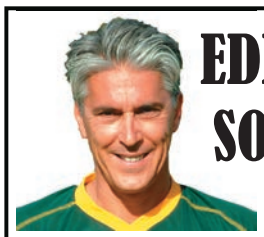
School Holiday Camps - School Clinics
All year round Skill Programs - Overseas Trips
Player Management Services - Sports Medicine Support

MELBOURNE SPORTS BOOKS

80 Flinders Street Melbourne
Open Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm

All Credit Cards, Cheques & Money Orders accepted.
Add $8 for Postage & Packaging anywhere in Australia

Tel: (03) 9662 1085 or (03) 9662 1086
Fax: (03) 9662 1282



EDDIE KRNCEVIC'S SOCCER SERVICES

eddiekrncevic@hotmail.com

- Private sessions & instruction
- In depth position trainng
- Coaching clinics
- Refining skills
- Player development
- Complete consulting
- Professional experience
- Former Socceroo & European Top Goalscorer
- Official FIFA player agent

When you want to be the best...

Reservoir Unique Sports & Trophies

SPORTSPOWER
54 Edwardes Street Reservoir VIC 3073
Ph: (03) 9460 9972 Fax: (03) 9460 5879
Email: rsports@bigpond.net.au

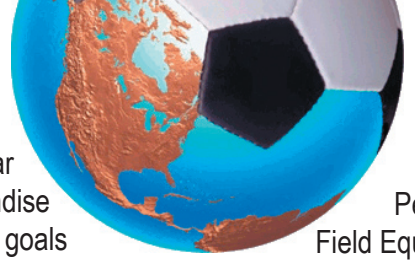
Specialising in...
- Quality Boots
- Team Uniforms
- Training Gear
- Soccer Balls
- Trophies & Medals
- Full Range of Sports Apparel
- Top Goalkeeper Equipment
- Competitive Prices
- All Club Enquiries Welcome

Serving Victorian football since 1981

WORLD OF SOCCER

Specialists in all Soccer Requirements

Boots
Shirts
Shinpads
Gloves
Socks
Scarves
Posters
Club gear
Merchandise
Portable goals



Videos
DVD's
Pins
Cones
Bibs
Caps
Books
T-shirts
Pennants
Field Equipment

Shop 1/48 McCrae St Tel: 9794 5860
Dandenong VIC 3175 Fax: 9795 5950

THE WORLD GAME — THE WORLD GAME

www.footballtheworldgame.com.au

IF YOU CALL IT "FOOTBALL" THEN WE ARE THE STORE FOR YOU!!

FFA APPROVED CLUB AND TEAM WEAR SUPPLIER.
GET YOUR OBLIGATION FREE QUOTE TODAY!!

FOOTBALL FOR THE TRUE FANS
197 Swan St Richmond Vic 3121. Tel:03 9428 3066

OFFICIAL - LICENSED - EXCLUSIVE
ARGUABLY VICTORIA'S #1 FOOTBALL STORE!!

CARD ZONE
Australia's Leading Trading Card Shop

Trading & collecting has become an international addiction.

Card Zone stocks the cards you seek...

A-league cards - A-League Signature cards
Official A-League Albums - Socceroo cards
2006 World Cup Germany cards
Non-sport Collector cards
Also stockists of AFL, NFL & Cricket

www.cardzone.com.au

262-266 Victoria St
North Melbourne 3051
Tel: 9326 9588
Open: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm / Sun 10am-12pm

IF FOOTBALL BUYERS CAN'T FIND YOU,

YOU'RE OUT OF BUSINESS!

So make sure they can't miss you with an ad in the Goal! Weekly Football Directory Classifieds.
To find out how your business can reach customers throughout the football community, call for information today!

goal! Weekly

(03) 9645 1440

Support the businesses that support football

ARE YOU A FUTURE FOOTBALL STAR?

FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY

At Football Star Academy we develop your soccer skills and knowledge to play the game better, tactically and technically. Our FFA licenced coaches include current A-League palyers and other high profile international players. Register for One on One & Semi Private training or Team Coaching & Clinics.

Tel: 0411 122 152
E: peter@footballstaracademy.com.au
Web:www.footballstaracademy.com.au

SOUTH EASTERN PIRANHAS FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

Louise Twohig Res
Dandenong North
Victoria Australia

PO Box 79
Olinda 3788

Affiliated to
C.A River Plate - Argentina
River Plate Oceania Inc

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR TEAMS 2008

Under 9's: Four spots still available for suitable young players.
Under 10's & 11's: Various positions still available for talented young players.
Youth & Senior: We're also looking for players to represent our newly formed Reserve & Senior teams in the Provi League 3rd Division with ambition to gain promotion under the River Plate banner.

All enquiries contact Daniel Santomil
santimilpiranhas@hotmail.com
0411 517 479
www.riverplateaustralia.com

FLYING SPOTLIGHT

PERSONAL TRAINING

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUE OF FITNESS ACCREDITED
MOBILE SERVICE
QUALIFIED CERTIFICATE III & IV
ALL AGES & LEVELS WELCOME
WE VISIT YOU

0402 520 304

DEAN FAK

GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS FC

FULL NAME: Dean Fak
BIRTHPLACE: Croatia
BIRTH DATE: 1/3/1972
HEIGHT: 188cm/6'2
WEIGHT: 88kg
MARRIED: Coming to a theatre near you
CAR: Ford Falcon
OCCUPATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL: Chef
NICKNAME: Bricka
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Port Melbourne, Altona Magic, Gippsland Falcons
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: State team from 1995
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Velimir Zajec
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Dario Srna
FAVOURITE FOXTEL CUP PLAYER: Dragi Nastevski
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Mehmet Durakovic
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Harry Kewell
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: VPL Grand Final against Heidelberg in 2005
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: Croatia against Germany, Q/F World Cup 1998
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Last year against Springvale White Eagles
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing with Zoran Markovski
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not signing for Green Gully earlier
WORST INJURY: Calf strain
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The next one
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Epping Stadium
SUPERSTITIONS: Never go all-in on low pockets and always chase the flush
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Toast and coffee
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Use both feet
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Can only use one properly
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: N.K. Rijeka
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Basketball, Handball, Water polo
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Trajce Latomanski
FAVOURITE FOODS: Sarma and more sarma
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Christopher Walken,
HOBBIES: Chess, poker, sleeping
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Anywhere along the Croatian coast
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: My house
IDEAL DATE: The Mrs.
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Scrubs, Dexter, Seinfeld
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Heavy metal, Rock
FAVOURITE FILM: Eat the rich
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Croatian national strip
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: Too many to mention but impending paternity tests should give me the all clear
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Mladen Fak
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Pre-season training and Michael Lilikakis in high heels
FOOTBALL AMBITION: Win another championship and to play as long as I can
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Engelbert Humperdinck
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S FOXTEL CUP: Too close to call

In a year of Victorian football milestones, Green Gully captain Dean Fak will play his 300th game for the 'green and whites' against Frankston Pines in Round 3 of the Foxtel Cup.

Telstra Dome

When Saturday Comes...

The Foxtel Cup Launch for 2008 was held at Telstra Dome last Monday night. Captains of the men's and women's competition were presented to the guests and the championship was officially declared open. Not to be missed, GW was there to catch all the glitz and glamour to bring its readers all the action.

Photo **1.** Soccer International's new editor Mark van Aken has a chat with Preston's Tony Sterjovski, **2**. Richmond eagles' mover and shakers: Sam Laverty and president Helmut Kalitzki, **3.** Members of Heidelberg United and South Melbourne share a beer and a party pie in preparation of their big derby, **4.** Green Gully president Charlie Farrugia with coach Ian Dobson and captain Dean Fak, **5.** The two Vlados! Mr.Vanis of Fawkner Blues and Mr.Tortevski of Altona Magic, **6.** Nike's former Socceroo star, Jim Campbell with Heidelberg United's WPL championship wiining coach John Lioupas and team managers, Xanthi Vithoulkas and Peter Pelekon.,
7. Frankston Pines coach Adam Jamieson with his right hand man, Willie Raynes. **8.** Sandringham City's bubbly WPL trio of Lucy Kapusta, Amy O'Connor and Alli Kapusta were also in attendance, **9**. Making the Lions' pride is VPL coach of the year Goran Lozanovski, Bill Fleming medalist Tony Sterjovski, WPL captain Diana Piculovski and WPL coach Andy Fry.

ONLY SPORT
Australian-owned company providing top quality sporting products

ALTONA MAGIC
0 - 0
GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

GULLY MISS GOLDEN CHANCE

Foxtel heavyweights start tentatively

Green Gully missed a golden opportunity to take all three points from their opening Foxtel Cup clash with Altona Magic, the match finishing 0-0 at Paisley Park on Saturday night.

It was a cagey start to the season from both sides in what was an end to end affair, with neither side able to dominate the game for long periods.

The tough tackles were flying in early as both sides showed they meant business in the new season.

There were few chances in a tight opening half, despite Altona having the better of the possession.

The first chance of the game went to Michael Curcija but his dipping shot was well saved by new Cavaliers goalkeeper Steven Tilovski.

Former Fawkner and Melbourne Victory player Carl Recchia had another good opportunity in the 19th minute when Altona won a free kick just outside the box, but his curling shot was well wide of the goal.

Curcija had another good chance on 28 minutes when he intercepted the ball in the Green Gully half, but his low shot was again well saved by Tilovski.

Green Gully's only real chance of the half came in the 38th minute, when former Magic player Koce Delev had his floating header tipped over the bar by Altona keeper Peter Zois.

It was more of the same in the second half with both teams struggling to hold on to the ball.

Former Preston Lions captain Pece Siveski saw his shot saved in the 68th minute, and the Magic continued to put dangerous balls into the area but they couldn't find a way through Tilovski.

Green Gully began to get on top and had two golden chances in the final ten minutes to seal all three points but didn't take the chances when they were there.

On 80 minutes substitute Joel Nikolic played a good ball for Delev, but with Zois rushing out he poked his shot wide.

Then with just seconds remaining Jeffrey Fleming headed Andy Vargas' deep cross back across goal only for Delev to miss from the edge of the six yard box.

While both sides might feel they could have taken all three points, this game shows that both these teams will again be challenging for the Foxtel Cup title.

Altona coach Vlado Tortevski was philosophical about the result.

"Green Gully are a good side and they could have gotten a goal at the end but they didn't," said Tortevski.

"We created some chances as well though so I thought it could have gone either way," he said.

"It's only the first game and it's a long season but there are some good signs."

Altona: P Zois, S Mrkela , C Anthopoulos, S Laurie, T McSorley (A Sherifovski 46'), D Mladenovic, P Siveski, S Bozinovski (P Cergovski 71'), H Fa'arodo, C Recchia (C Rachkovski 82'), M Curcija.

Scorers: none

Yellow Cards: S Bozinovski 4', D Mladenovic, P Cergovski 87'
Red Cards - none

Green Gully: S Tilovski, Koce Delev, K Ivesic, J Adam (A Vargas 67'), J Fleming, S Burton, R Ollerton, M Sanders (J Nikolic 77'), D Fak, E Muscat, D Nastevski

Scorers: none

Yellow Cards: John Adam 31', J Fleming 38', D Nastevski 46'
Red Cards: none

Man of the Match:
Koce Delev
(Green Gully)

Attendance: 500

By Lachlan Taylor
Photos by Daniel Flis

Football analyst Tony Palumbo once said that a a 0-0 draw is theoretically a game of no mistakes. On this occassion an Altona Magic free-kick flies past the Green Gully wall and just wide of its mark.

OAKLEIGH
1517 Dandenong Road
9569 7099
RICHMOND
509 Bridge Road
9429 7717
ESSENDON
Homemaker Hub DFO
9351 0669
NUNAWADING
343 Whitehorse Road
9878 8555
EPPING
3/560 High Street
9408 4911
FOUNTAIN GATE
Fountain Gate Super Centre
8786 5770
THOMASTOWN
Homemaker Centre
9465 9611
TAYLORS LAKES
Watergardens
9449 0233
MARIBYRNONG
Highpoint Homemaker Centre
9317 7037
ADRIATIC FURNITURE
adriatic.com.au
EXCLUSIVE, YES. EXPENSIVE? NO.

FAWKNER BLUES
1 - 1
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

FAWKNER GIVE KNIGHTS OPENING DAY BLUES

Points shared at Somers Street

A hot and windy Sunday afternoon was the setting for the opening match of the season for both the Fawkner Blues and the Melbourne Knights.

Both sides sported new looks of sort, with the home side Fawkner showcasing their almost entirely new team list for 2008, whilst the Knights were kitted out in an army-camouflage inspired jersey.

Blues coach Vlado Vanis, who had a distinguished playing and coaching career at the Knights, set out his youthful team to contain their visitors and break with pace.

The Knights began the brighter of the two sides as new recruit Zoran Petrevski's smart turn and shot inside the first nine minutes produced a comfortable save by Pasi Schwalger in the Blues goal.

However in the 20th minute, Jason Principato stunned the highly fancied visitors when he poked home a loose ball for a shock goal against the run of play for the Blues.

The goal immediately relaxed the nerves of the home side, as they began to knock the ball around more comfortably than in the opening exchanges.

As for the Chris Taylor's Knights outfit, they proceeded to be a threat from crosses and set pieces particularly from corner kicks. In the 40th minute, Cameron Watson's goal-bound free kick was easily saved by Schwalger in the Blues goal.

Watson was again in the thick of the action when his crossed free kick was headed behind for a corner by a disciplined Blues defence.

Despite their pressure, the Knights failed put a mark on the scoreboard, and the home side went in at half time a goal to the good.

Late first half injuries forced Vanis to shuffle his side, as both Adam Zilic and Fikret Husanovic were replaced during the interval. Nazir Ismael and Michael Packovski replaced the injured pair for Fawkner.

The Knights came out with much more ambition, and in the 48th minute, a half chance for Petrevski flashed past Schwalger's upright.

Craig Elvin tried his best to spark some life into his side with a surging run, but his shot skewed high and wide of the home side's goal.

Fawkner's game plan of counter attacking football was working, and substitute Ismael should have sealed the match in the 60th minute. A jinking run by the striker saw him open up the Knights defence and with only Savaas Ozdemir to beat in goal, Ismael was denied by Ivan Franjic's last ditch tackle off the line.

As the match entered its final third, the Knights began to throw numbers forward in search of the equaliser, but there was precious little inspiration in their play.

Fawkner on the other hand should have doubled their lead, as Ismael had two attempts blocked by some desperate Knights defending.

Lady luck finally shone on the Knights when they were rewarded a fortunate penalty in the 89th minute after a handball by Juric in the Fawkner defence. Knights skipper Tommy Milardovic stepped up and sent Schwalger the wrong way to make the score 1-1.

Minutes later, a thunderous strike by Knight's striker Petrevski cannoned back of the crossbar for the last meaningful chance of what turned out to be an entertaining match.

The Knights will be disappointed with the result, whilst the Blues will be kicking themselves after throwing away a glorious chance for a major scalp.

Fawkner Blues – Pasi Schwalger, Michael Bosevski, Boris Masic, Clifford Tuck, Ralph Napoli, Jason Principato, Ben Cogger (Juric 52nd), Adam Zilic (Packovski 46th), Zia Younan, Fikret Husanovic (Ismael 46th), Joseph Youssef.

Goals: Principato 21'.

Melbourne Knights – Savas Ozdemir, Ivan Franjic, Steve Iosifidis, Tommy Milardovic, Matthew Grbesa, Cameron Watson, Craig Elvin, James Timmons, Alex Kiratzoglou (D. Matkovic 65th), Zoran Petrevski, Joe Spiteri (Barisic 70th)

Scorers: Milardovic 87' (pen).

Man of the match:
Cameron Watson (Melbourne Knights)

Putting your body on the line: Fawkner Blues goalkeeper Pasi Schwalger protects his goal-line from Melbourne Knights captain Craig Elvin during the 1-1 draw at CB Smith Reserve yesterday

By Josip Loncaric
Photos by Steve Starek

Bilic Homes Pty. Ltd.
Unit 5, 6 Swift Way
Dandenong, Victoria
3175
Tel: (03) 9706 4292
Fax: (03) 9706 429
E: sales@bilichome.com
THINKING OF BUILDING?
Speak to the Experts
35 Years Of Building A Better Victoria
Established 1972
BILIC HOMES

BOO'S WORLD With Mark Boric

There was action aplenty on the Foxtel Cup website this week, with two new items posted, doubling the amount for the year so far. On Tuesday came a report about the season launch, then on Friday the squad lists were put up, almost a week after this publication needed them to go to press. There is a lot of talk about V League criteria for clubs and facilities, but I think the question needing to be asked is is the FFV itself capable of reaching elite V League standards?

There is a great episode of The Simpsons, Lisa On Ice, in which Lisa is forced into taking up a sport and ends up playing pee wee ice hockey. In it Homer Simpson excitedly explains. "Hey! Apu just called. This Friday, Lisa's team is playing Bart's team. You'll be in direct competition! And I don't want you to go easy on each other just because you're brother and sister. I want to see you both fighting for your parents' love! Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!" I doubt that is what happened in the Catalano family when Frank (Preston Lions) and Michael Junior (Richmond) went up against each other last Friday night, but if it is well done Junior, two goals on the night and all the love for you!

I have heard people say Tsigan Forever writes a lot of nonsense. This charge has also, rather astonishingly, been levelled at me in the past. I would say we have nothing on Craig Foster's ramblings in the Sydney Morning Herald in terms of sheer madness. This week there is "For neutral supporters, it would be best if one of tonight's (Sunday, Newcastle v Queensland) combatants were to prevail in the grand final." Who knew the Central Coast Mariners are evil?

Thanks for enlightening us with the football knowledge you gained plying your trade in Hong Kong, the English Championship and with the Northern Spirit, Mr.Foster.

SBS are also re-launching their flagship football program, The World Game. It's been on the decline for years and if you are talking about injustice for the neutrals, it is wrong that the show has been allowed to go to air whilst the authorities deny us the chance to watch Underbelly.

The Caxton Steet Youth: Hitting the streets amongst other things!

When I heard Kevin Rudd was going to say sorry this week, I thought it was to apologise to football fans because he had failed to land a big name signing for the government's Foxtel Cup team, the AIS. Or at least apologise for not providing someone to update their website, which is even more dormant than the VPL one.

Ronaldo has done his knee and it looks like there's nothing that Nike can do to get him back on the park anytime soon. Not even another dose of whatever made him have a seizure on the day of the 1998 World Cup Final.

Still finishing of my hooligan movie script. Not sure who the Wurundjeri Way Elite should face in the epic final battle. The Caxton Street Youth have come into the picture recently, and some Preston supporters fighting amongst themselves on Friday have also entered the equation. Will be trying to secure a cameo from the doyen of Foxtel Cup crowd control, Kosta of Blue Thunder Security, as well.

Until next week, that is if the good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise.

KATSA'S KORNER With George Katsamboukas

All I got in this world is my word....

KATSA'S KORNER
0-1

FOXTEL CUP

Is it a Bird? Is it a Plane?

No, it's Foxtel Cup Kick off for Season 2008.

If any of you have blinked over the last month, you may have missed the start to the Foxtel Cup, for information regarding it has been somewhat limited form Darebin HQ!

In fact it has been as scarce as full bottles of J Walker in the company of Katsa, and legal copies of the new TV Series Underbelly in Victoria.

Nevertheless, kick off it did and around the grounds we go.

Preston Lions went from heroes to zero, from J Walker to Spumante, when they were thumped 5-1 from the Freeway Dwellers, Richmond Eagles - home of $3 Black Forest Cakes and the feature attraction being Boo dodging cars on the Monash Freeway as he attempts to fetch stray match balls.

BALLS

Attention marketing gurus from match ball manufacturers: drive your advertising dollar further and donate 30 match balls to Boo for the year.

If you don't do it for marketing reasons at least do it on humanitarian grounds.

Down the Frankston Freeway we go, and there is a choice at the end of it.

Turn left at the end and visit the Frankston Pines ground or keep going straight for the Portsea Pub, where Melbourne's beautiful people become very unbeautiful after a night there battling vodka and lime, J Walker and coke, and J Beam and coke.

Also on display are some of Melbourne's finest looking females - but that's another story best left for another edition.

AWOL

Speaking of Melbourne's finest females, 2 have suddenly gone missing.

They are Katsa's two assistants who up until last season, were pictured above this article.

Perhaps they were getting too old for Katsa, and a hint from the editor that 2 new ones should be appointed?

The hunt begins….

(More than happy to help in the search…. Ed)

Back to Football we go.

The Pines returned to the Foxtel Cup with a 2-2 draw against the Oakleigh Cannons.

Stuart Munroe's troops must have missed the auctioneer's warning before the game that "It's not where we start that matters, but where we finish", as the Canons surrendered a 2-0 lead.

Newly promoted North Coburg won their first official Foxtel Cup match 3-0 over Western Suburbs, whilst the Green Gully Cavaliers and Altona Magic played out a scoreless draw.

SAY IT AIN'T SO

Tell me that the following is not true.

Tell me that the State 1 Fixtures have not been released to a UK web site whilst they do not appear on the official FFV website.

It cannot be true! Perhaps J Walker is getting the better of me at 3am on Sunday, perhaps I am hallucinating, or perhaps it may be true after all?

Competitions and marketing department at Darebin HQ, over to you.

PLACE YOUR BETS

By the way, English websites become quite handy after the EPL finish, as the Bookmakers over in the UK then turn their attention to the Australian soccer fixtures and invite punters world wide to place their bets.

I think that I have interest in taking the bookies on again in 2008, they were kind enough to fund my overseas trip in 2007, I'm hoping to make it back to back in 2008!

A whisper that I heard and wrote about last week regarding more teams going down in 2008 than a Bride's Nightie is certainly gathering momentum.

Seems a 12 Team Foxtel Cup League is on the cards for 2008?

YOU SAY, I SAY

Word associations are back for 2008.

Let's start with a famous lottery term "Extra Ball"

In soccer terms, "Extra Ball" is a request from a player who after negotiating his pay for 2008 with the club El Supremo, asks for a pair of boots to be purchased for him as part of the deal.

El Supremos who are given the job of negotiating players' wages in 2008, I strongly suggest that if you want to do it with any success to watch the all time classic movie "Scarface'

There are 3 lines that may come in handy

1. "You start high, I start low".
2. "Maybe you want I come in and we start all over again".
3. Or if things get difficult, "Say hello to my little friend"

Until next week,

This is Katsa – Just as you've known him.

GOAL! WEEKLY NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING GOOD NEWSAGENTS EVERY MONDAY

SANCTUARY LAKES NEWSAGENCY,	(03) 9395-4055
WEST ESSENDON NEWSAGENCY, 269 BUCKLEY STREET ABERFELDIE VIC 3040	(03) 9337-7316
AIRPORT WEST NEWSAGENCY, C/ WESTERN DELIVERIES AIRPORT WEST VIC 3042	(03) 9338-3362
AIRPORT WEST NEXTRA, SHOP 73/74 WESTFIELD SHOP/CENTRE AIRPORT WEST VIC 3042	(03) 9330-4207
DUNDAS PLACE NEWSAGENCY, 188A BRIDPORT STREET ALBERT PARK VIC 3206	(03) 9690-5348
ALTONA NEWSAGENCY, 84-86 PIER STREET ALTONA VIC 3018	(03) 9398-2912
ALTONA EAST NEWSAGENCY, 63 THE CIRCLE ALTONA EAST VIC 3025	(03) 9391-3316
CENTRAL SQUARE NEWSAGENCY, 1 CENTRAL AVENUE ALTONA MEADOWS VIC 3028	(03) 9315-8022
ALTONA NORTH NEWSAGENCY, 22 BORRACK SQUARE ALTONA NORTH VIC 3025	(03) 9391-2291
HARRINGTON SQUARE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 12 HARRINGTON SQ. S/C ALTONA WEST VIC 3018	(03) 9398-3541
ASCOT LOTTO & NEWS, 217 ASCOT VALE ROAD ASCOT VALE VIC 3032	(03) 9370-8558
ASCOT VALE NEWSAGENCY, 208 UNION ROAD ASCOT VALE VIC 3032	(03) 9370-6485
ASHBURTON NEWSAGENCY, 209 HIGH STREET ASHBURTON VIC 3147	(03) 9885-2128
ASHWOOD NEWSAGENCY, 503 WARRIGUL ROAD ASHWOOD VIC 3147	(03) 9885-4662
ASPENDALE NEWSAGENCY, 129 STATION STREET ASPENDALE VIC 3195	(03) 9580-6967
AVONDALE HEIGHTS NEWSAGENCY, 5 MILITARY ROAD AVONDALE HEIGHTS VIC 3034	(03) 9317-8274
BAIRNSDALE NEWSAGENCY, 21 BAILEY STREET BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875	(03) 5152-3188
BALACLAVA NEWSAGENCY, 211 CARLISLE STREET BALACLAVA VIC 3183	(03) 9527-2866
CARLISLE NEWSAGENCY, 272 CARLISLE STREET BALACLAVA VIC 3183	(03) 9593-9111
WILLIAMS NEWSAGENCY**, 917 STURT STREET BALLARAT VIC 3350	(03) 5332-2369
BALWYN NEWSAGENCY, 413 WHITEHORSE ROAD BALWYN VIC 3103	(03) 9836-4206
BELMORE NEWSAGENCY, 338 BELMORE ROAD BALWYN VIC 3103	(03) 9857-9729
GREYTHORN NEWSAGENCY, DROP AT REAR NEXT TO GARAGE BALWYN NORTH VIC 3104	(03) 9857-9694
BELL PARK NEWSAGENCY, 21 - 23 MILTON STREET BELL PARK VIC 3215	(03) 5278-4032
BENDIGO DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, 5 EVE COURT BENDIGO NORTH VIC 3550	(03) 5442-6755
BENNETSWOOD NEWSAGENCY, 79 STATION STREET BENNETTSWOOD VIC 3125	(03) 9808-3391
BENTLEIGH NEWSAGENCY, 386 CENTRE ROAD BENTLEIGH VIC 3204	(03) 9557-1605
CENTRAL BENTLEIGH NEWSAGENCY, 395 CENTRE ROAD. BENTLEIGH VIC 3204	(03) 9557-1453
CENTREFIELD NEWSAGENCY, 939 CENTRE ROAD BENTLEIGH EAST VIC 3165	(03) 9563-7607
CHESTERVILLE NEWSAGENCY, 299 CHESTERVILLE ROAD BENTLEIGH EAST VIC 3165	(03) 9570-1983
EAST BENTLEIGH NEWSAGENCY, 710 CENTRE ROAD BENTLEIGH EAST VIC 3165	(03) 9570-4214
BERWICK NEWSAGENCY, 29 - 31 HIGH STREET BERWICK VIC 3806	(03) 9707-1311
BLACKBURN SOUTH NEWSAGENCY, 108 CANTERBURY ROAD BLACKBURN SOUTH VIC 3130	(03) 9877-2110
BORONIA VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 22A / 163 BORONIA ROAD BORONIA VIC 3155	(03) 9762-3464
NEWSLINE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 70, BOX HILL CENTRAL BOX HILL VIC 3128	(03) 9890-2217
WHITEHORSE PLAZA NEWSAGENCY, G35, CENTRO SHOPPING PLAZA BOX HILL VIC 3128	(03) 9899-0593
BOX HILL NORTH NEWSAGENCY, 943 STATION STREET BOX HILL NORTH VIC 3129	(03) 9890-8192
KERRIMUIR NEWSAGENCY, 515 MIDDLEBOROUGH ROAD BOX HILL NORTH VIC 3129	(03) 9898-1450
BOX HILL SOUTH NEWSAGENCY, C/ BP SERVICE STATION BOX HILL SOUTH VIC 3128	(03) 9890-6481
WATTLE PARK NEWSAGENCY, 164A ELGAR ROAD BOX HILL SOUTH VIC 3128	(03) 9808-1614
BRIGHT NEWSAGENCY**, 28 IRELAND STREET BRIGHT VIC 3741	(03) 5755-1015
GARDENVALE NEWSAGENCY, 168 MARTIN STREET BRIGHTON VIC 3186	(03) 9596-7566
BROADFORD NEWSAGENCY, 67 HIGH STREET BROADFORD VIC 3658	(03) 5784-1487
****LYGON AUTHORISED NEWSAGENCY, C/ LYGON MEDIA DISTRIBUTORS BRUNSWICK VIC 3056	(03) 9387-4929
LYGON MEDIA DISTRIBUTOR, 7-9 WESTON STREET BRUNSWICK VIC 3056	(03) 9387-1255
THERESA NEWSAGENCY, 34 GRANTHAM STREET BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055	(03) 9380-8806
BULLEEN PLAZA NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 29, 79-107 BULLEEN VIC 3105	(03) 9850-5521
THOMPSONS ROAD NEWSAGENCY, 123A THOMPSONS ROAD BULLEEN VIC 3105	(03) 9850-1882
BUNDOORA CENTRE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 3 / 39 PLENTY ROAD BUNDOORA VIC 3083	(03) 9467-1351
BUNDOORA NEWSAGENCY, 1268 PLENTY ROAD BUNDOORA VIC 3083	(03) 9467-2138
BURNLEY NEWSAGENCY, 375 BURNLEY STREET BURNLEY VIC 3121	(03) 9428-1669
EAST BURWOOD NEWSAGENCY, 16 BURWOOD HIGHWAY BURWOOD EAST VIC 3151	(03) 9808-7284
BURWOOD NEWSAGENCY, 1394 TOORAK ROAD CAMBERWELL VIC 3124	(03) 9889-4155
CAMBERWELL CENTRE NEWSAGENCY, 628 BURKE ROAD CAMBERWELL VIC 3124	(03) 9882-4083
CAMBERWELL MARKET NEWSAGENCY, 513 RIVERSDALE ROAD CAMBERWELL VIC 3124	(03) 9813-3799
PRINCES HILL NEWSAGENCY, 607 LYGON STREET CARLTON NORTH VIC 3054	(03) 9380-1419
RATHDOWNE NEWSAGENCY, 410 RATHDOWNE STREET CARLTON NORTH VIC 3054	(03) 9347-2630
CARNEGIE NEWSAGENCY, 58 KOORNANG ROAD CARNEGIE VIC 3163	(03) 9568-5256
SOUTH OAKLEIGH NEWSAGENCY, C/ SOUTHERN DISTRIBUTION CARNEGIE VIC 3163	(03) 9570-5833
CAULFIELD NEWSAGENCY, 14 DERBY ROAD CAULFIELD EAST VIC 3145	(03) 9571-6194
CHADSTONE CENTRE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 263, CHADSTONE VIC 3148	(03) 9569-5858
HOLMESGLEN NEWSAGENCY, 637 WARRIGUL ROAD CHADSTONE VIC 3148	(03) 9569-7365
CHELSEA NEWSAGENCY, 403 NEPEAN HIGHWAY CHELSEA VIC 3196	(03) 9772-2621
CHELTENHAM NEWSAGENCY, 332 CHARMAN ROAD CHELTENHAM VIC 3192	(03) 9583-3276
SOUTHLAND NEWSAGENCY, WESTFIELD SHOPPING TOWN CHELTENHAM VIC 3192	(03) 9584-9433
CLAYTON AUTHORISED NEWSAGENCY, 345 CLAYTON ROAD CLAYTON VIC 3168	(03) 9544-1153
CLIFTON HILL NEWSAGENCY, 316 QUEENS PARADE CLIFTON HILL VIC 3068	(03) 9489-8725
COBRAM NEWSAGENCY**, 32 PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC 3644	(03) 5872-1160
COBURG NEWSAGENCY, 481-483 SYDNEY ROAD COBURG VIC 3058	(03) 9354-7525
COCKATOO NEWSAGENCY, 4 MCBRIDE STREET COCKATOO VIC 3781	(03) 5968-8369
LOCAL DELIVERY P/L, 51 DOWN STREET COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066	(03) 9419-5055
CORIO VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 57, CORIO VILLAGE CORIO VIC 3214	(03) 5275-1666
COWES NEWSAGENCY**, 44 THOMPSON AVENUE COWES VIC 3922	(03) 5952-2046
CRAIGIEBURN NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 9 MALL CRAIGIEBURN S/C CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	(03) 9308-2132
CRANBOURNE NEWSAGENCY, 105 HIGH STREET CRANBOURNE VIC 3977	(03) 5996-8866
THOMPSON PARKWAY NEWSAGENCY, CNR SOUTH GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY & CRANBOURNE NORTH VIC 3977	(03) 5996-0055
CROYDON NEWSAGENCY, 158 MAIN STREET CROYDON VIC 3136	(03) 9723-2001
CROYDON NORTH NEWSAGENCY, 5 EXETER ROAD CROYDON NORTH VIC 3136	(03) 9726-6030
DOVETON NEWS & LOTTO, C/- SOUTH EASTERN DANDENONG VIC 3175	(03) 9792-4937
LONSDALE NEWSAGENCY, 250 LONSDALE STREET DANDENONG VIC 3175	(03) 9792-1897
LUCKY WINNERS LOTTO, 118 HEMMINGS STREET DANDENONG VIC 3175	(03) 9792-4628
SOUTH EASTERN DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, FACTORY 6, DANDENONG VIC 3175	(03) 9792-2557
DEER PARK NEWSAGENCY, 823 BALLARAT ROAD DEER PARK VIC 3023	(03) 9363-1175
DINGLEY NEWSAGENCY, 79 CENTRE DANDENONG ROAD DINGLEY VILLAGE VIC 3172	(03) 9551-1184
SHOPPINGTOWN NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 34, 619 DONCASTER ROAD DONCASTER VIC 3108	(03) 9848-3912
EAST DONCASTER NEWSAGENCY, 74 JACKSON COURT DONCASTER EAST VIC 3109	(03) 9848-3174
THE PINES NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 35/ 181 REYNOLDS ROAD DONCASTER EAST VIC 3109	(03) 9842-7944
TUNSTALL SQUARE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 4, TUNSTALL SQUARE DONCASTER EAST VIC 3109	(03) 9842-2485
DROMANA NEWSAGENCY, 177 NEPEAN HIGHWAY DROMANA VIC 3936	(03) 5987-2338
EAGLEMONT LUCKY LOTTO, NEWS & POST, 68 SILVERDALE ROAD EAGLEMONT VIC 3084	(03) 9499-2589
OAKLEIGH EAST AUTH. NEWSAGENCY, 190 HUNTINGDALE ROAD EAST OAKLEIGH VIC 3166	(03) 9544-4322
BANYULE NEWSAGENCY, 55 GREVILLE ROAD EAST ROSANNA VIC 3084	(03) 9459-7027
ECHUCA NEWSAGENCY**, 161 HARE STREET ECHUCA VIC 3564	(03) 5482-1337
ELSTERNWICK NEWSAGENCY, 348 GLENHUNTLY ROAD ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	(03) 9523-8335
RIPPONLEA NEWSAGENCY, 78 GLEN EIRA ROAD ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	(03) 9523-5649
ELWOOD NEWSAGENCY, DELIVER TO MOBIL ELWOOD VIC 3184	(03) 9531-4223
ROUNDABOUT NEWSAGENCY, 94 FLETCHER STREET ESSENDON VIC 3040	(03) 9370-5305
FAIRFIELD NEWSAGENCY, 99 STATION STREET FAIRFIELD VIC 3078	(03) 9481-3240
FAWKNER NEWSAGENCY, 54 BONWICK STREET FAWKNER VIC 3060	(03) 9359-2046
MOOMBA PARK NEWSAGENCY, 89 ANDERSON ROAD FAWKNER NORTH VIC 3060	(03) 9359-1595
MOUNTAIN GATE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 9B FERNTREE GULLY VIC 3156	(03) 9758-4427
FITZROY NEWSAGENCY, 337 BRUNSWICK STREET FITZROY VIC 3065	(03) 9417-3017
NORTH FITZROY NEWSAGENCY, 224 ST. GEORGES ROAD FITZROY NORTH VIC 3068	(03) 9489-8614
KINGSVILLE NEWSAGENCY, 339 SOMERVILLE ROAD FOOTSCRAY WEST VIC 3012	(03) 9314-5004
BRENTFORD SQUARE NEWSAGENCY, 29-31 BRENTFORD SQUARE FOREST HILL VIC 3131	(03) 9878-1882
FOREST HILL NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 215 WESTERN ENTRANCE FOREST HILL VIC 3131	(03) 9878-2515
FOUNTAIN GATE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1157 (LEVEL 1) WESTFIELD FOUNTAIN GATE VIC 3805	(03) 9704-6408
BEACH STREET NEWSAGENCY, 239 BEACH STREET FRANKSTON VIC 3199	(03) 9789-9736
FRANKSTON NEWSAGENCY, 5 KEYS STREET FRANKSTON VIC 3199	(03) 9783-3253
YOUNG STREET NEWSAGENCY, 78 YOUNG STREET FRANKSTON VIC 3199	(03) 9783-2467
BAY CITY NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 120 BAY CITY PLAZA GEELONG VIC 3220	(03) 5229-8201
GEELONG NEWSAGENCY & LOTTO, 139 MOORABOOL STREET GEELONG VIC 3220	(03) 5222-1911
MURPHY'S NEWSAGENCY, P.O. BOX 7133 GEELONG WEST VIC 3218	(03) 5229-1973
GLENHUNTLY NEWSAGENCY, 1164 GLENHUNTLY ROAD GLEN HUNTLY VIC 3163	(03) 9571-2551
GLEN WAVERLEY AUTHORISED NEWSAGENY, SHOP L-2 65 GLEN S\C SPRINGVALE RD GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150	(03) 9802-8503
KINGSWAY NEWSAGENCY, 65 KINGSWAY GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150	(03) 9560-1898
SYNDAL NEWSAGENCY, 238 BLACKBURN ROAD GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150	(03) 9802-8448
GLENROY NEWSAGENCY, 773 PASCOE VALE ROAD GLENROY VIC 3046	(03) 9306-9530
GREENSBOROUGH NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 4-5 GREENSBOROUGH VIC 3088	(03) 9435-1024
GREENVALE NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 4 & 5 CNR MICKLEHAM & GREENVALE GREENVALE VIC 3059	(03) 9333-3154
HADFIELD NEWSAGENCY, 120 WEST STREET HADFIELD VIC 3046	(03) 9306-5007
HAMPTON NEWSAGENCY, 345 - 347 HAMPTON STREET HAMPTON VIC 3188	(03) 9598-1239
HAMPTON EAST NEWSAGENCY, 412 BLUFF ROAD HAMPTON EAST VIC 3188	(03) 9555-2821
HAMPTON PARK NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 3 PARK SQUARE HAMPTON PARK VIC 3976	(03) 9799-1609
GLENFERRIE NEWSAGENCY, REAR ENTRANCE, 669 BURWOOD ROAD HAWTHORN VIC 3122	(03) 9818-2621
AUBURN SOUTH NEWSAGENCY, 289 AUBURN ROAD HAWTHORN EAST VIC 3123	(03) 9882-2009
HEIDELBERG NEWSAGENCY, 128 BURGUNDY STREET HEIDELBERG VIC 3084	(03) 9457-1096
HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS NEWSAGENCY, 35 SOUTHERN ROAD HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS VIC 3081	(03) 9457-2063
BELL STREET LOTTO & NEWSAGENCY, 142 BELL STREET HEIDELBERG WEST VIC 3081	(03) 9459-3958
THE MALL NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 18, HEIDELBERG WEST VIC 3081	(03) 9457-4244
HIGHETT NEWSAGENCY, 2 RAILWAY PARADE HIGHETT VIC 3190	(03) 9555-1010
HOPPERS CROSSING NEWSAGENCY, 31 OLD GEELONG ROAD HOPPERS CROSSIN VIC 3030	(03) 9749-2652
HUNTINGDALE NEWSAGENCY, 291 HUNTINGDALE ROAD HUNTINGDALE VIC 3166	(03) 9544-1175
EAST IVANHOE NEWSAGENCY, C/ KENNARDS SELF STORAGE IVANHOE VIC 3079	(03) 9499-1720
IVANHOE NEWSAGENCY, 194-196 UPPER HEIDELBERG IVANHOE VIC 3079	(03) 9499-1231
KEILOR NEWSAGENCY, C/ WESTERN DELIVERIES KEILOR VIC 3036	(03) 9336-7930
KEILOR DOWNS NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 3, KEILOR DOWNS PLAZA KEILOR DOWNS VIC 3038	(03) 9310-9955
CENTREWAY NEWSAGENCY, 59 WYONG STREET KEILOR EAST VIC 3033	(03) 9336-2451
COTHAM NEWSAGENCY, 97 COTHAM RD KEW VIC 3101	(03) 9817-3840
KEW NEWSAGENCY, 175 HIGH ST KEW VIC 3101	(03) 9853-8238
NORTH KEW NEWSAGENCY, 93 WILLSMERE ROAD KEW VIC 3101	(03) 9853-9383

PARKMORE NEWSAGENCY, PARKMORE SHOPPING CENTRE KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	(03) 9798-4311
KNOXFIELD NEWSAGENCY, 1597 FERNTREE GULLY ROAD KNOXFIELD VIC 3180	(03) 9764-8260
LALOR NEWSAGENCY, 364 STATION STREET LALOR VIC 3075	(03) 9465-2698
LAVERTON NEWSAGENCY, 12 AVIATION ROAD LAVERTON VIC 3028	(03) 9369-1426
MACEDON NEWS & LOTTO, 25 MACEDON ROAD LOWER TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3107	(03) 9850-2720
MALVERN NEWSAGENCY, 114 GLENFERRIE ROAD MALVERN VIC 3144	(03) 9509-8381
MALVERN VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY, 1352 MALVERN ROAD MALVERN VIC 3144	(03) 9822-3761
WINTERGLEN NEWSAGENCY, 167 GLENFERRIE ROAD MALVERN VIC 3144	(03) 9509-9068
CENTRAL PARK NEWSAGENCY, 393 WATTLETREE ROAD MALVERN EAST VIC 3145	(03) 9509-9842
WAVERLEY ROAD NEWSAGENCY, 295 WAVERLEY ROAD MALVERN EAST VIC 3145	(03) 9571-1614
McKINNON NEWSAGENCY, 148 MCKINNON ROAD MCKINNON VIC 3204	(03) 9578-4478
ELIZABETH STREET NEWSAGENCY, 27 ELIZABETH STREET MELBOURNE VIC 3000	(03) 9629-1096
HDS RETAIL ASIA PACIFIC - SC2, SHOP C2, SOUTHERN CROSS STATION MELBOURNE VIC 3000	(02) 8218-1107
HDS RETAIL ASIA PACIFIC - VF1, RELAY, FLINDERS STREET MELBOURNE VIC 3000	(03) 9621-1237
McGILLS NEWSAGENCY, 187 ELIZABETH STREET MELBOURNE VIC 3000	(03) 9602-5566
THE SOURCE NEWSAGENT, 217-219 QUEEN STREET MELBOURNE VIC 3000	(03) 9670-3717
MELTON AUTHORISED NEWSAGENCY, 383 - 385 HIGH STREET MELTON VIC 3337	(03) 9743-5451
MENTONE NEWSAGENCY, 24 COMO PARADE MENTONE VIC 3194	(03) 9585-3494
MERLYNSTON NEWSAGENCY, C/ PASCOE VALE CENTRAL MERLYNSTON VIC 3058	(03) 9354-1532
KLEMM'S MILDURA NEWSAGENCY, 139 EIGHTH ST MILDURA VIC 3500	(03) 3502-3100
MILL PARK AUTHORISED NEWSAGENCY, STABLES S/C. CNR CHILDS RD & REDLEAP AV MILL PARK VIC 3082	(03) 9436-4400
MITCHAM NEWSAGENCY, 503 WHITEHORSE ROAD MITCHAM VIC 3132	(03) 9873-1106
MITCHAM NORTH NEWSAGENCY, 228 MITCHAM ROAD MITCHAM NORTH VIC 3132	(03) 9873-1152
YEATMAN'S NEWSAGENCY, 3A MOORE STREET MOE VIC 3825	(03) 5127-1002
MOONEE PONDS WEST NEWSAGENCY, 270 MARIBYRNONG ROAD MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039	(03) 9370-6079
PUCKLE STREET NEWSAGENCY, 45 PUCKLE STREET MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039	(03) 9375-2264
MOORABBIN NEWSAGENCY, 914 NEPEAN HIGHWAY MOORABBIN VIC 3189	(03) 9555-8164
MORDIALLOC NEWSAGENCY, 574A MAIN STREET MORDIALLOC VIC 3195	(03) 9580-5141
WARREN VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY, 87 WARREN ROAD MORDIALLOC VIC 3195	(03) 9580-3880
MORNINGTON NEWSAGENCY, 97 MAIN STREET MORNINGTON VIC 3931	(03) 5975-2099
SCRIBES NEWSAGENCY**, SHOP 1/10, MORNINGTON VILLAGE MORNINGTON VIC 3931	(03) 5975-5849
MORWELL NEWSAGENCY**, 176 COMMERCIAL ROAD MORWELL VIC 3840	(03) 5134-4133
PINEWOOD NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 59, CENTREWAY SHOPPING CENTRE MOUNT WAVERLEY VIC 3149	(03) 9802-7006
NORTHVALE NEWSAGENCY, 901 SPRINGVALE ROAD MULGRAVE VIC 3170	(03) 9546-0200
WAVERLEY GARDENS NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 44, WAVERLEY GARDENS MULGRAVE VIC 3170	(03) 9547-5773
MURRUMBEENA NEWSAGENCY, 456 NEERIM RD MURRUMBEENA VIC 3163	(03) 9568-1959
NARRE WARREN NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 1, NARRE WARREN VIC 3805	(03) 9704-6495
NEWMARKET NEWSAGENCY, 294 RACECOURSE ROAD NEWMARKET VIC 3031	(03) 9376-6075
NEWPORT NEWSAGENCY, 6 HALL STREET NEWPORT VIC 3015	(03) 9391-2548
NIDDRIE NEWSAGENCY, 455 KEILOR ROAD NIDDRIE VIC 3042	(03) 9379-3840
NOBLE PARK NEWSAGENCY, 22 DOUGLAS ST. NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	(03) 9546-9079
VARIETY NEWSAGENCY, 1268 HEATHERTON ROAD NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	(03) 9546-7916
NORTH BALWYN NEWSAGENCY, 77 DONCASTER ROAD NORTH BALWYN VIC 3104	(03) 9859-1983
HAINES STREET NEWSAGENCY, 46 HAINES STREET NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051	(03) 9328-1195
NORTH RINGWOOD NEWSAGENCY, 182 WARRANDYTE ROAD NORTH RINGWOOD VIC 3134	(03) 9876-2765
CROXTON NEWSAGENCY, 511 HIGH STREET NORTHCOTE VIC 3070	(03) 9481-3624
NEWSPLAZA NEWSAGENCY, SECURITY NORTHCOTE VIC 3070	(03) 9481-7130
NORTHCOTE NEWSAGENCY, C/- CALTEX SERVICE STATION, NORTHCOTE VIC 3070	(03) 9481-3725
MOUNTAINVIEW NEWSAGENCY, 293A SPRINGFIELD ROAD NUNAWADING VIC 3131	(03) 9878-7887
OAK PARK NEWSAGENCY, C/ WESTERN DELIVERIES OAK PARK VIC 3046	(03) 9306-5472
OAKLEIGH NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 61-63 OAKLEIGH VIC 3166	(03) 9563-0703
PAKENHAM NEWSAGENCY, 99 MAIN STREET PAKENHAM VIC 3810	(03) 5941-1243
PARKDALE NEWSAGENCY, 238 COMO PARADE WEST PARKDALE VIC 3194	(03) 9580-1724
PARKVILLE NEWSAGENCY, 55 ROYAL PARADE PARKVILLE VIC 3052	(03) 9347-3560
BATMAN NEWSAGENCY, C/ PASCOE VALE CENTRAL PASCOE VALE VIC 3044	(03) 9354-1269
PASCOE VALE CENTRAL NEWSAGENCY, 110 CUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE VIC 3044	(03) 9354-8472
COONANS NEWS POST & LOTTO, 67 COONANS ROAD PASCOE VALE SOUTH VIC 3044	(03) 9386-7465
PAPER N POST, C/ PASCOE VALE CENTRAL PASCOE VALE SOUTH VIC 3044	(03) 9354-1432
PORT MELBOURNE DISTRIBUTION, 5A/ 339-343 WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD PORT MELBOURNE VIC 3207	(03) 9681-8122
PORTARLINGTON NEWSAGENCY**, SHOP 1 / 60 NEWCOMBE STREET PORTARLINGTON VIC 3223	(03) 5259-2892
PRAHRAN MARKET NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 40 PRAN CENTRAL PRAHRAN VIC 3181	(03) 9521-1200
NORTHLAND NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 3, SHOPPING CENTRE PRESTON VIC 3072	(03) 9478-2693
PRESTON NEWSAGENCY, 377 HIGH STREET PRESTON VIC 3072	(03) 9478-3001
PRESTON TOWN HALL NEWSAGENCY, 411 HIGH STREET PRESTON VIC 3072	(03) 9470-1630
BROADWAY NEWSAGENCY, 279 BROADWAY RESERVOIR VIC 3073	(03) 9460-6510
KEON PARK DISTRIBUTION, 53 BANFF STREET RESERVOIR VIC 3073	(03) 9460-5505
RESERVOIR NEWSAGENCY, 22 EDWARDES STREET RESERVOIR VIC 3073	(03) 9460-6317
SWAN STREET NEWSAGENCY, 108 SWAN STREET RICHMOND VIC 3121	(03) 9428-7450
VERNONS NEWSAGENCY, 308A BRIDGE ROAD RICHMOND VIC 3121	(03) 9428-7373
RINGWOOD EAST NEWSAGENCY, 52 RAILWAY AVENUE RINGWOOD EAST VIC 3135	(03) 9870-6515
ROSANNA NEWSAGENCY, DELIVER TO REAR OF: ROSANNA VIC 3084	(03) 9459-7722
ROSEBUD NEWSAGENCY**, 1083 NEPEAN HIGHWAY ROSEBUD VIC 3939	(03) 5986-8359
WEST ROSEBUD NEWSAGENCY, 1643 POINT NEPEAN ROAD ROSEBUD WEST VIC 3940	(03) 5986-4437
ROWVILLE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE, FACTORY 4, 3 HI-TECH PLACE ROWVILLE VIC 3178	
RYE NEWSAGENCY, 2371 POINT NEPEAN ROAD RYE VIC 3941	(03) 5985-2013
LORDS NEWSAGENCY**, 248 RAYMOND STREET SALE VIC 3850	(03) 5144-2647
SALE NEWSAGENCY**, 308 - 310 RAYMOND STREET SALE VIC 3850	(03) 5144-2070
SANDRINGHAM NEWSAGENCY, 58 - 60 STATION STREET SANDRINGHAM VIC 3191	(03) 9598-1246
SCORESBY NEWSAGENCY, 14 DARRYL STREET SCORESBY VIC 3179	(03) 9763-3022
CARRUM DOWNS, C/ BAYSIDE DISTRIBUTION SEAFORD VIC 3198	(03) 9782-6333
FOOT STREET NEWSAGENCY, C/ BAYSIDE DISTRIBUTION SEAFORD VIC 3198	(03) 9783-4720
KARINGAL HUB NEWSAGENCY, C/ BAYSIDE DISTRIBUTION SEAFORD VIC 3198	(03) 9776-7744
SEAFORD NEWSAGENCY, 124 NEPEAN HIGHWAY SEAFORD VIC 3198	(03) 9786-1220
SEDDON NEWSAGENCY & LOTTO, 74 CHARLES STREET SEDDON VIC 3011	(03) 9687-1919
GOULBOURN VALLEY NEWSAGENCY, 314 WYNDHAM STREET SHEPPARTON VIC 3632	(03) 5821-4126
LOVELL'S NEWSAGENCY**, 246 WYNDHAM ST SHEPPARTON VIC 3630	(03) 5821-2622
CLARENDON NEWSAGENCY, 276 CLARENDON STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC 3205	(03) 9690-1350
MELBOURNE CENTRAL NEWSAGENCY, 292 CITY ROAD SOUTHBANK VIC 3006	(03) 9690-3900
SPOTSWOOD LPO, NEWS & TATTS, 81 HUDSONS ROAD SPOTSWOOD VIC 3015	(03) 9391-1078
SPRINGVALE NEWSAGENCY, 321 SPRINGVALE ROAD SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	(03) 9546-9235
SOUTHVALE NEWSAGENCY, DELIVER TO 579B SPRINGVALE ROAD SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	(03) 9546-9298
ST ALBANS NEWSAGENCY, 304 MAIN ROAD EAST ST ALBANS VIC 3021	(03) 9366-2273
ST.KILDA JUNCTION NEWSAGENCY, 52 ST KILDA ROAD ST KILDA VIC 3182	(03) 9510-1056
VILLAGE BELLE NEWSAGENCY, LOADING BAY ST KILDA VIC 3182	(03) 9525-5167
ESPLANADE NEWSAGENCY, 115 FITZROY STREET ST. KILDA VIC 3182	(03) 9525-3321
SOUTH MELBOURNE NEWSAGENCY, 358 CLARENDON ST. STH MELBOURNE VIC 3205	(03) 9690-7481
SUNBURY NEWSAGENCY**, 14 BROOK STREET SUNBURY VIC 3429	(03) 9744-1220
SOUTH SUNSHINE NEWSAGENCY, 22 TALLINTYNE ROAD SUNSHINE VIC 3020	(03) 9748-7212
SUNSHINE NEWSAGENCY, 3/282HAMPSHIRE ROAD SUNSHINE VIC 3020	(03) 9312-2654
WATERGARDENS NEWSAGENCY, SHOP 92, BAY B (NEAR SAFEWAY) TAYLORS LAKES VIC 3038	(03) 9449-1122
TEMPLESTOWE NEWSAGENCY, 122 JAMES STREET TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3106	(03) 9846-2486
DALTON VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY, C/ NORTHERN HOME DELIVERIES THOMASTOWN VIC 3074	(03) 9408-8877
NORTHERN HOME DELIVERIES, FACTORY 4, 7 MACQUARIE DRIVE THOMASTOWN VIC 3074	(03) 9465-9066
SOUTH MORANG NEWSAGENCY, C/- NORTHERN HOME DELIVERIES THOMASTOWN VIC 3074	(03) 9404-1502
NORMANBY NEWS & LOTTO, 703 HIGH STREET THORNBURY VIC 3071	(03) 9484-2802
ROSSMOYNE NEWSAGENCY, 406 STATION STREET THORNBURY VIC 3071	(03) 9484-6967
HAWKSBURN NEWSAGENCY, 529 MALVERN ROAD TOORAK VIC 3142	(03) 9827-3569
TOORAK VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY, 487 TOORAK ROAD TOORAK VIC 3142	(03) 9826-2456
TORQUAY NEWSAGENCY**, 20 GILBERT STREET TORQUAY VIC 3228	(03) 5261-2448
BRAYBROOK NEWSAGENCY, 127 SOUTH ROAD TOTTENHAM VIC 3012	(03) 9364-8083
TRARALGON NEWSAGENCY**, 51-53 FRANKLIN STREET TRARALGON VIC 3844	(03) 5174-2001
G

TSIGAN'S TSIGAR

With Mike Lilikakis

POINT BLANC

Some mountains are difficult to climb.
Most are very easy to fall off.
The effort, planning, patience and vision to accomplish the task is astronomical.
But gee, the view is grand.

A lot can be said about hangovers for that matter.
Great to suck down a pint or ten, and it always seems like a good idea to scull a jug.
How much fun is it to stagger off into the star lit sky?
Notwithstanding the dog box when you come home to your missus, or the ramifications of the wakeup call at 9:10am from the boss who knows you were out on a bender.

VPL kicked off with ferocity and six guns a-blazin' over the weekend, and the biggest surprise was the annihilation of last years Champions, Preston; who were mauled by the Allemagne. No one expects that sort of score line, let alone to the reigning premiers.
Now the average punter will start to surmise and analyze what odds to pump onto both teams and for what purpose. Since I'm not a punter, I reckon Preston will win the reverse leg 4-0 and go through on the away goal.

VENDETTA

Got balled up by a few gypsies at ******** last Thursday night after training, and was "asked" to explain about the names I was going to name.
True to form, I replied; "Colonel Sanders, Ronald McDonald and Perri Perri.
The McNuggets were grouse, the hot sauce was mild and the 11 secret herbs and spices were extolled. How can someone think it wise to jump a counter, wielding a samurai and shouting obscenities in Eurovox?

What has that got to do with sand in the hourglass?
Days of your lives, ya moulari!
When are you ever going to see Hellas vs. Heidelberg amass 15,000 wogs, muching gyros, throwing pasatempa, and yelling "yooooou bludeee poofter reeeffff!!!".

Never.

So beach about the Fokker that you may have heard it all before.
This goes out to the Wii wogs, who reckon it's more important to hang out at Edithvale, than it is to watch a derby. A derby that used to bring the best out of the community.
The kouboulou, tavli, kafedaki, munges who make being a wog cool.
Going to the Village just doesn't have the same agape.
Or Roula, Toula, Soula kie Voula.

ARGH BITE UND ARBEIT

My word it was hot today.
Melted like butter between the ass cheeks of a donkey.
That's great football weather.
'Twas a grand idea to start the season during the middle of a February Dragon. Ever heard of Ash Wednesday? The FFV must've forgotten.
Why the hell are we playing football a) at this time of the year b) during the day?
6pm is still daylight for frog's sake.
Make the Reserves play at 6. They're the young whipper snappers who have a low understanding of any form of estimation and respect.
The Seniors are Seniors, as a direct result of the understanding of abovementioned falafel. Plus, they are old. Some players are 36, and look 45.

Groomed and all.

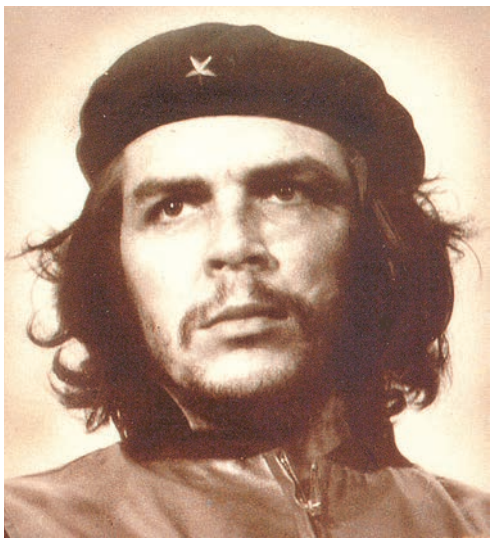
Why therefore do they persist in sticking 3 tubs of Vaseline through their afro, and eyebrows before every game? Petroleum Jelly has two functions. Food when there's nothing else in the cupboards but Mi-Goreng, and the lube which prevents blisters when playing in new boots.
Screw-ins are not recommended on a concrete pitch.
Tried it once, and ended up with a pinscrew in the Corner pocket.
Or what is a screwball?

RAY CYST

Not a name for a movie about a Gaffer with an itch he can't scratch, but the feeling you get when trying to be polite to a throng of Bollywood bananas, who push the queue to get tickets to Najran Punjab III. Apparently, the Rambo of Indian gunslingers.
Don't try and justify the fact that you have been in line for 10 minutes at Chaddie waiting for the 3:10 to Yuma and you're already 15 late.
But thank goodness for Val Morgan, who puts on 20 minutes of carp before the movie, just so us less fortunate in the punctuality stakes can get double Whoppers at half price.

Viva la Revolucion in Convolucion.

Plaka.
Rhymes with Vlaka.
Sounds like Mal Fraser.



BUCKS 'N STAGS

Quit pro quo, and mass murderers to boot.
Belgian Beer Gardens, and Cuban cigars.
No horns this time, but plenty of pitchforks and staffs to hold their own.
Wild horses apparently couldn't drag the boys away, even when a Flock of Seagulls came.
There was no running. No leaving. Even when the cicadas gave up the exoskeleton.

Respect is really hard to appreciate when there's very little to give these days.
Take me for example. Or don't, whatever. I respect everyone. I also don't like anyone.
Doesn't mean I don't love ya.

Oxymoron.
Thank you very much.
Elvis ate the building.
Foreskin is not Kosher.
Neither is a Rabbit.

Tsigan Forever;
Or at least for tonight.

PRE SEASON COMPETITIONS IN FULL SWING

Two months into the 2008 New Year and SA footballers are well into sweating away their Christmas lunches and dinners. Club coaches are in full swing, finalising teams and squad members in preparation for the 2008 FFSA Men's season.

At a time where some of us are struggling with sticking to our New Year's Resolutions that we so vehemently vowed we would keep, most clubs are midway through the vast array of pre season cups that are underway. With the SA governing body choosing not to hold any formal pre season tournaments this year, (President's Cup and Len Agalich Cup) clubs have stepped up to the plate to host their own competitions.

he Micky Dye Cup (an invitational competition in it's 2nd year that honours the Modbury Jets' club stalwart) this year is jointly hosted by both Modbury Jets at Jet Park and Playford City at Ramsay Park. The four clubs competing are Enfield City Falcons, Pt Lion Pirates, Playford City Patriots and inaugural cup winners Modbury Jets.
The Marden Sports Complex continues on with the tradition of a night tournament with the Fairmont Homes Summer Night Series where clubs from all 3 men's leagues are taking part. Hosts Adelaide Blue Eagles join NE MetroStars, Raiders and Para Hills Knights from the Super League to take on the Premier league representatives Western Strikers and newly promoted Adelaide Comets, along with State league contenders, tough side NAB and debutants West Adelaide Blues. To date we have seen some great matches played here as they battle it out for the 2008 trophy.
The Best Point Cup held at Adelaide City Park sees some of the bug guns of SA football flexing their muscles in this competition. 2007 Best League Champions Adelaide City play host to Campbelltown City Red Devils (2007 Presidents Cup pre-season winners), Adelaide Galaxy, Para Hills Knights and newly promoted Croydon Kings (2007 Premier League Champions), along with Premier League side Enfield City Falcons and a State Representative Team from the SA Amateur Soccer league all vying for their bit of pre-season silverware.

Last year's President Cup winners Campbelltown Devil will be out to make it back to back.

In regards to player movement between clubs, this year we've seen more moves taking place than on an episode of 'So you think you can Dance'! The biggest changes to squads would have to go to the Super League club NE MetroStars who have signed half a dozen or so top names in SA football; Adriano Pelligrino (Adel City), Louis Brain (returning from the VPL after his stint with Dandenong in 2007), Michael Pirone (Adel Blue Eagles), Michael Mattriciani (Campbelltown City Red Devils) and Jim Stavrides (Adel Galaxy).

Stars Coach Mickey Barnett obviously bolstering the squad looking for better odds for a shot at the 2008 Championship Title. The biggest squad loss at any club goes to Modbury Jets with about 5 or 6 players going their separate ways. One of the Jets best performers in 2007 midfielder Aaron Westervelt made the decision to move down two leagues to join Playford City Patriots in a player/assistant coach's role.

More devastating though is the huge loss to their defence with Goalkeeper Barney Smith taking some time off football, Michael Menechella returning to his old club Campbelltown City to see out his career, Charles Marwe signing up with White City Woodville Warriors and young gun Todd McSorley travelling across the border successfully signing with Altona Magic.

Most ambitious venture is awarded to Para Hills coach Robbie Ditroia, entering his Knights in both pre-season tournaments. Although it is a great way for him to experiment using his younger players, it is a risk that many would not take but time will only tell whether that decision works to his benefit.

Signing off, all I can say at this stage after watching most of the 20 or so games that have been played over the last 3-4 weeks is, "Hold onto your shin pads cost it's going to be one hell of a tight league this year".

SOUTH AUTSRALIA

By Nat Adamopoulos

Hight Quality Stock Sport's Images

DVF IMAGES
.com.au

- Team Photo's
- Individual Player Shot's
- Foxtel Cup Shot's
- Club Packages Available
- Facilities for Publications and Websites

Visit our website and get access to thousands of photos's from the Foxtel Cup.
Sign up and enjoy quality photo's at the best price.
Ask us about our special club deals.

www.dvfimages.com.au

DVFimages

NEW SILVERWARE FOR OLYMPIC AT LAST

Sydney Olympic captures Johnny Warren Cup

Sydney Olympic overcame the Sutherland Sharks in extra time in the 2008 Johnny Warren Cup final, bringing some much-needed joy to their fans, who have had a frustrating last couple of years.

The competition was devalued somewhat by the fact that two of the group games had been rained out, resulting in the two round-robin groups not being completed. Still, both sides had deserved their place in the final after some impressive recent performances.

Sutherland, playing on their artificial turf Seymour Shaw strip, took an early lead when Jim Bakis's deep cross from the right eluded the entire Sydney Olympic backline, allowing Brendan Gan to pounce. The Sutherland midfielder's point-blank right-foot shot found its mark; 1-0 to the Sharks after only five minutes.

Stunned into action, Olympic had the better of the next half-hour, but could not penetrate the stern Sutherland backline, while the home side often threatened on the break. Although their lone striker Brad Boardman was seeing little action, the Sutherland midfield were proving quick and aggressive; after a fine right-wing move, David Huxley had a long-distance shot saved by Olympic's 'keeper Michael Herbert after 20 minutes.

Another Sutherland player who posed plenty of danger was the willing left-winger Shane Lyons, who stung Michael Herbert's hands with a free kick on 26 minutes and had a shot from close range charged down shortly afterwards.

Olympic's chief threat came from set-pieces, with Shannon Cole regularly delivering dangerous balls into the box. On 42 minutes, his right-footed missile whistled just wide of goal.

Soon after the half-time interval, a Sutherland corner reached their impressive midfielder David Reid on the edge of the box, after some pinball in the six-yard area. Reid sent a powerful right-footed volley at goal, and Michael Herbert was relieved to see it clear the crossbar by a few inches.

On 52 minutes came Olympic's equalizer. Inevitably, it arrived from another Shannon Cole free kick; this time, from deep on the left, he whipped a perfectly-weighted "inswinger" into the area, and young defender Manny Giannaros nipped in to head past Phil Zabaks in the Sutherland goal.

The game opened up. Another free kick from Cole rebounded to him off the wall, and he set young Chris Triantis up for a left-footed piledriver which sailed just over the Sutherland bar. At the other end, Herbert was lucky when he spilled a shot from Brendan Gan, but saw the Sutherland man scuff his second attempt.

Olympic began to take control of the game. There were further chances for Triantis, Matthew Mayora and substitute Peter Zorbas as the second half drew to a close, while in the very last minute of injury time, a bullet header from Olympic's impressive young left-winger Ian Ramsay was saved splendidly by Zabaks.

Extra time began with Olympic still dominant, but the dismissal of Roger Galayini for his second bookable offence gave Sutherland renewed hope. The home side created two chances in the wake of the sendoff: first Jim Lawrence was put clean through, but a last-minute tackle from Zorbas saved the day; then Herbert finally showed his mettle with a tremendous save from Lyons, who had been released cleverly by Pedje Bojic on a run out of defence.

The match looked headed for penalties, but on 117 minutes, it was time for Chris Triantis's big moment. Receiving the ball on the right of midfield, he surged through a crowd of Sutherland players before firing past Zabaks with his left foot. A wonderful goal, and well worthy of deciding a cup final.

The earlier match, a playoff for third place, was no less entertaining, with Marconi overcoming Sydney United 2-1 after conceding an early goal. Elsid Barkhousir converted a cut-back from United's left-winger Chris Boyle early in the piece, but Stefan Donevski equalized with a header just before half-time, and Marconi dominated the second half; Tallan Martin headed the winner from Matt Gordon's excellent cross. Marconi's cause was aided by the second-half dismissal of United substitute Steve Tresoglavic for retaliation.

The NSW Premier League begins on Ferbuary 22.

Sutherland: Zabaks; Katz, Bojic, Souris, Spruce; Bakis, Gan, Huxley, Reid, Lyons; Boardman. (Subs: Brindisi, Lawrence, Price, Hall).

Sydney Olympic: Herbert; Giannaros, Jurilj, Cindric, Cole; Musumeci, Triantis, Galayini, Ramsay; Doumanis; Mayora. (Subs: Lagos, Kim, SImonovic, Sherlock).

Sydney Olympic's match winner Chris Triantis, also picked up the 'Man of the Match' award for the Johnny Warren Cup Final against the Sutherland Sharks

FOOTBALL NSW

By Mike Salter in Sydney

Photos by Carlos Furtado

FLAT TYRE NOT ENOUGH TO DEFLATE METRO!

Two out of two in opening encounters

Metro FC have started the season in both the north and south of Tasmania in fine fashion, winning both of their matches to date.

The club from Claremont, a suburb of Hobart in the south of the Tasmania, began their season by beating Launceston United 3-1 in the northern Steve Hudson Cup competition on 10 February.

This was despite arriving at the venue late after the 200km journey because the team bus had a flat tyre.

They arrived with 15 minutes to spare and went out and won 3-1, the goals coming from youngsters James Hope, Richard Farley and Jason Dawes. Marcus Dobson replied for the northerners.

South Hobart, the other southern team competing in the Steve Hudson Cup, thrashed Ulverstone 10-0 and became firm favourites for the tournament.

Billy Gasparinatos hit a hat-trick, David Abbott and Colin Wain each netted a brace, while Shay Hickey, Jonathon Lo and Seth Otti grabbed a goal apiece.

"It was a difficult ground," said South coach, Ken Morton. "It was bumpy and had long grass and it caught us a bit unawares.

"Ball players such as Lo, Jonathon Ladic and Gasparinatos found it difficult, but once we sorted it out and got our passing going, we were always comfortable."

In Sunday's remaining match, Northern Rangers beat Prospect Knights 3-0 through two goals by Thataetsile Kakadumane and one by Sam Luck.

Metro then continued on their winning way in the southern Summer Cup competition last Friday evening, downing Taroona 2-1 through goals by Dawes and Farley. Chris Cox netted a fine consolation goal for Taroona.

Metro top Group A in the competition, but South Hobart, Hobart Olympic and University, the other teams in the group, have yet to play.

In Friday's Group B matches, Tilford Zebras went top on goal-difference over Kingborough Lions United by defeating Glenorchy Knights 2-1.

Zebras, the holders of the trophy and the reigning league champions, fell behind to a neatly worked Knights goal after 20 minutes. Goalkeeper Ben Peter's long goal-kick was flicked wide by Sacha Puclin, to Jade Clay on the left. Clay took the ball to the byline before slipping it into the box, where Martin Cairns swept it past Zebras goalkeeper Frank Mainella.

Zebras were level within two minutes through their new signing from Burnie United, Ben Crosswell. This talented midfielder-cum-striker, the son of former VFL great Brent Crosswell, gained possession 25 metres from goal and curled a wonderful ball beyond the diving Peter and inside the far left-hand post to make it 1-1.

Crosswell has added a new dimension to the Zebras' attack. In the 5th minute, he released Paul Cairns through the Knights defence, only to see Peter make an excellent save.

In the 9th minute, he smashed a shot against the right-hand post, with Peter helpless.

Daniel Lapolla should have scored for the Zebras in the 6th minute, but Peter, who had a splendid game and who appears to have put his erratic form of last year behind him, denied the young striker in a one-on-one situation.

Lapolla scored the winner 8 minutes after the resumption. Ricky Self outwitted two Knights defenders on the byline on the right and Lapolla headed his accurate cross home to make it 2-1.

A goal in the 26th minute by Brett Andrews gave Kingborough Lions United a 1-0 win over New Town Eagles.

Tasmania's Metro Stars FC...two wins from outings this season.

Ahmed Abdaltam...Metro coach who played in Greece and Egypt.

FOOTBALL FEDERATION TASMANIA

By Walter Pless

Photos by Walter Pless

A bit of this, that & the other...

GOAL! WEEKLY MAILBAG

mailbag@goalweekly.com

Dear Goal! Weekly,

Glad to see you're back in circulation. I look forward to this season's issues.

I would like to get something off my chest.

After only one year, the FFV has decided to dispense with the FFV Season Passes. The reason given? That "some clubs objected!".

Presumably these clubs are the same ones who turn up to games and claim that they did not receive ground passes from the home club and cause a lot of unnecessary hassles at the gate.

The introduction of the season pass was one of the few decent initiatives to come from the FFV in recent times. Those who oppose them are living in the past and surely they are a good thing if they encourage more people to attend games. Don't let anyone cry about reduced gate revenue – more spectators mean more canteen and bar revenue, and if the clubs encourage their members to buy the passes they get 50% of the fee returned to them.

It's time for the FFV to ignore the "Dinosaurs" and move into the 21st century. As an example, go to any suburban footy league and almost everyone has a season ticket purchased through their club, which entitles them to admission to all home and away games in that league.

Regards,
Gordon Kirkwood
Diamond Valley

WIN YOURSELF A BOOK!

READER COMPETITION

Forza Italia
RRP: $30.00

Synopsis
This unique and personal journey into the heart of Italy and its football culture, including the national team's dramatic 2006 World Cup victory and the match-fixing scandal, offers a unique perspective on Italian society.

Thanks to our friends at Melbourne Sports Books here's your chance to win a free football prize.

First correct entry sent to **competition@goalweekly.com** wins!

Q. Which Italian player scored a last minute penalty to send the Socceroos tumbling out of the 2006 World Cup in Germany?

a. Paolo Rossi
b. Fab Incantalupo
c. Francesco Totti

MELBOURNE SPORTS BOOKS

80 Flinders Street
Melbourne
Open Mon-Sat
9.30am-5.30pm

All Credit Cards, Cheques & Money Orders accepted. Add $8 for Postage & Packaging anywhere in Australia

Tel: (03) 9662 1085 or (03) 9662 1086
Fax: (03) 9662 1282

A QUESTION OF VPL CHAMPIONS ? ? ? ?

1. With a total of eight titles which current Foxtel Cup team has won the most State League/VPL championships?

.....

2. Which former Victorian powerhouse backed by the Italian community claimed the first ever State League crown back in 1958?

.....

3. Apart from South Melbourne ('64, '65, '66) and Green Gully (81', 82', 83) which other club has completed a hat-trick of championships?

.....

4. For the first time ever the VPL competition was decided by a Grand Final in 1992. Which team from outside of Melbourne won it?

.....

5. Which former Socceroo coached Preston Lions to the VPL title last season?

.....

6. Eventually folding in 2001 after a short stint in the NSL, which former flagship of rural Victoria took out the VPL in 1984 and 1989 respectively?

.....

7. Led by former 1974 Socceroo great Atti Abonyi which now defunct team were crowned Victorian champions in 1967 for its first and only time?

.....

8. Although it won back to back NSL titles in the days of Mark Viduka and Co. in the 90's, the last time the Melbourne Knights (then known as Essendon Lions) clinched Victorian honours it also went back to back. Which years in the 70's are we talking about?

.....

9. Now playing in the State League 3rd Division South East which club went back to back in 1985/86?

.....

10. When Heidelberg United won its first VPL title in 1975, what were they known as then?

.....

This picture might help you with question 2. Famous for their black and white strips this club dominated Victorian football for decades to come.

Answers

Answers: 1. South Melbourne, 2. Juventus, 3. Altona Magic ('95, '96, '97), 4. It was the first ever Grand Final contested to determine the champions, 5. Goran Lozanovski, 6. Morwell Falcons, 7. Melbourne Hungaria, 8. 1978 & 1979, 9. Croydon City Arrows 10. Fitzroy United,

ON THE BOX

English Premier League

Sat **Feb 23**	**Birmingham v Arsenal**	
11.40 pm	Fox Sports 3	
Sun Feb 24	**Liverpool v Middlesbrough**	
1.55 am	Fox Sports 3	
Sun Feb 24	**Fulham v West Ham**	
1.55 am	(Viewers Choice)	
Sun Feb 24	**Portsmouth v Sunderland**	
1.55 am	(Viewers Choice)	
Sun Feb 24	**Wigan v Derby**	
1.55 am	(Viewers Choice)	
Sun Feb 24	**Newcastle v Manchester United**	
4.10 am	Fox Sports 3	
Sun Feb 24	**Reading v Aston Villa**	
11.25 pm	Fox Sports 1	
Mon Feb 25	**Blackburn v Bolton**	
1.55 am	Fox Sports 1	
Tues Feb 26	**Manchester City v Everton**	
6.55 am	Fox Sports 1	
Sun Mar 2	**Manchester City v Wigan**	
4.10 am	Fox Sports 3	
Mon Mar 3	**Bolton v Liverpool**	
12.25 am	Fox Sports 1	
Mon Mar 3	**Everton v Portsmouth**	
2.55 am	Fox Sports 1	

A-League

Sun Feb 24	**Grand Final**	
6.00 pm	Fox Sports 1	

Coca-Cola Championship

Bristol City v Crystal Palace
Tuesday 19 February
6.30 am
Fox Sports 1

Carling Cup Final

Chelsea v Tottenham
Monday 25 February
1.55 am
Fox Sports 2

Total Football

Thurs Feb 21	7.30 pm	Fox Sports 2
Thurs Feb 28	7.30 pm	Fox Sports 1

FOX SPORTS

Frank Loughran, 1931-2008

PASSING OF A NATIONAL ICON

Loughran leaves an everlasting legacy to Victorian football

Frank Loughran was one of the best football (soccer) players ever to represent Australia and Victoria.

He played and scored for Australia in the Olympic Games in 1956, and even upstaged the great Stanley Matthews when Blackpool toured Australia in 1958. He was an initial inductee into the Australian Football Hall of Fame and when Andre Kruger conducted a poll to find the greatest Australian players, Frank came second only to Johnny Warren for one of the midfield positions. He finished with 8 full international caps, and represented Australia 38 times in all scoring 22 goals.

Such was his standing in Australian sport, Frank was invited to carry the torch for the Sydney Olympic games in 2000.

In addition he had 25 games for Victoria scoring 20 times.

Born in Belfast in 1931 he had a tough upbringing and worked in a weaving mill after leaving school at 14. It was there that he met his future wife, Lily, and they were married in 1949. He played for Bangor in the Irish League and had an offer from Dundee United in Scotland. In 1953 the family moved to Victoria where he quickly joined the Moreland club, and the best and fairest trophy is still named after him.

Moreland at the time was full of talented Scottish players but Frank quickly established himself as a dynamic inside forward or winger in the days when teams had 5 attackers.

In 1955 he was selected for the Australian team for a series of matches against South Africa and the following year he represented Australia in the Olympic Games in Melbourne, scoring the country's second goal in the opening match against Japan. A contemporary report says, 'In the second half the Japanese goalkeeper made two fine saves from shots by Graeme McMillan and Ted Smith. Frank Loughran received a bouncing ball across the goalmouth and as the goalkeeper advanced he calmly lofted it over the goalie's head into the net to put us 2 up and such was the score at full-time.' Unfortunately Australia lost its next match against India and so the Olympic dream was over.

In 1958 English First Division side Blackpool toured Australia with the legendary (Sir) Stanley Matthews in the team. To imagine the impact Matthews had, think David Beckham, for Stanley, 'the wizard of the dribble' was the superstar of his era. Yet when the teams lined up at Olympic Park for the game against Victoria, and after the players were announced to the crowd, Matthews walked over to Frank, the Victorian vice-captain and said, "I don't like this crowd. They gave you a louder cheer than they game me!" After the game Matthews came into the Victorian dressing room and asked Loughran if he would come and play for Blackpool.

That year Frank toured New Zealand with the Australian team and was regarded as the outstanding talent. "He never kept the ball when there was an unmarked colleague and his passes never went astray." Leading Sydney clubs like Hakoah tried to tempt him north, but Frank and his family were committed to Victoria. After Moreland he joined the Coburg club where his family were synonymous with the club for many years. Later he had spells in the Industrial League and at Shepparton City where his eldest son Sam was player-coach. He continued to play in the seniors at 53 and veterans for many years after that. I was lucky enough to play with and against him in veterans' games and the only problem was that his repartee was as likely to reduce you to helpless laughter as his football skills to bamboozle you if you were trying to mark him.

One of a kind: Frank Loughran in action for his clubside Moreland during the 1950's.

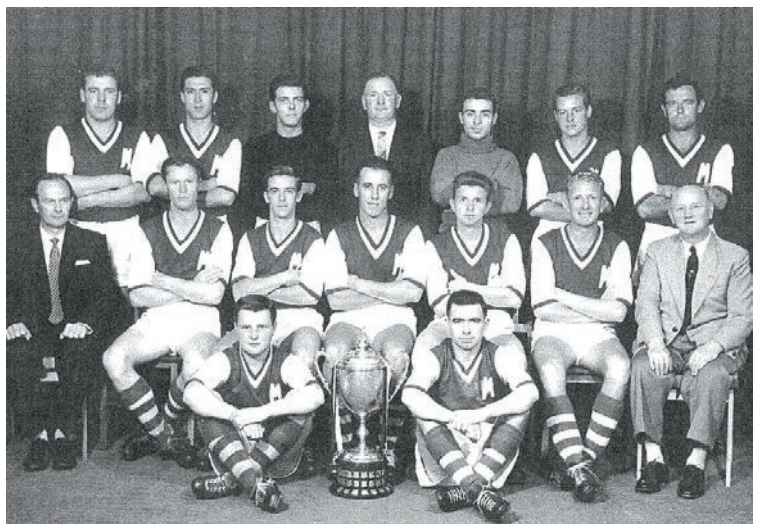
Frank was a fine, sensitive human being, helping anyone who needed support and always prepared to go the extra step for friends, of whom there were legions. He died after a short illness on 11 January 2008. I'd like to acknowledge the help of Sam Loughran and Ted Smith, who played with Frank at all levels, in preparing this brief tribute to an Australian football icon.

Words by Roy Hay

Photos courtesy Sam Loughran

Scoring for the Socceroos against China at a muddy Olympic Park in 1955. 6-1 was the final score that day and Frankie managed to get his name on the scoresheet twice.

Frank with (Sir) Stanley Matthews



The Moreland side with the Dockerty Cup in 1957. Frank (right) sits next to the trophy with Davey Oxten. Socceroo team-mate Ted Smith is third from left in the middle row.

NEWCASTLE JETS
3 - 2
QUEENSLAND ROAR

Courtesy FFA

JETS PREVAIL IN EXTRA TIME

Mariners v Jets Grand Final

The Newcastle Jets are through to their first Hyundai A-League Grand Final after a thrilling 3-2 extra-time win over the Queensland Roar in the Preliminary Final at EnergyAustralia Stadium on Sunday evening.

Newcastle went ahead via a Matt Thompson strike in the 40th minute and looked like it had done enough to win the match until Queensland came back from the dead when striker Reinaldo slotted home a penalty in the dying seconds of the match.

A Joel Griffiths penalty put the Jets ahead 13 minutes into extra time before Tarek Elrich all-but sealed the hard-fought win with a cracking shot just moments later.

Reinaldo gave the Roar another glimmer of hope with another successful penalty in the 27th minute of extra time, but Newcastle was able to hold on for a nail-biting victory.

The Jets will now meet arch rivals, minor premiers the Central Coast Mariners in the season decider at the Sydney Football Stadium next Sunday afternoon.

The game was a cracker from the opening whistle with the Roar nearly on the scoreboard in the opening minutes.

An errand back-pass from Jets defender Tarek Elrich handed Queensland striker Reinaldo possession 30 out from the Jets goal. He sent it out to speedster Michael Zullo on the left wing, who sent a looping cross into the box only for Roar midfielder Marcinho to spoon his shot over the bar from point-blank range.

Just minutes later, Newcastle went even closer when Thompson weaved his way through three defenders before seeing his left-foot shot from 12 yards cannon off the left post.

Roar midfielder Matthew McKay went one-on-one with Jets keeper Ante Covic after being gifted a ball from Jets midfielder Stuart Musialik but slid his shot wide of the far post.

The Jets went tit for tat when the season's top goal-scorer, Joel Griffiths, forced a diving save from Roar goalie Liam Reddy with a low left-footer from the edge of the area.

Just moments later Zullo ballooned a 20-yard shot over the bar before Robbie Kruse crucified the best chance of the match so far when he pushed his shot wide from eight yards out after being put into space via a sublime ball from Marcinho.

Bad finishing let Queensland down moments later when Covic easily gathered Zullo's half-hearted shot after an enterprising build-up, while down the other end Reddy produced a fine finger-tip save to tip another Joel Griffiths left-footer around the right post.

Big Roar defender Sasa Ogenovski was forced from the field after a head clash with Adam Griffiths while going for an attacking corner in the 37th minute. With Queensland down to 10 men the Jets pounced to score the opening goal.

Mark Bridge got possession in space on the right wing and fired in a low cross to the near post where a diving Reddy punched the ball clear only for Thompson to control and bury his shot into the corner of the net from 15 yards.

Joel Griffiths nearly doubled the lead just moments later when he was put into the clear with a long ball, but Reddy was able to parry his 18-yarder away and the score remained 1-0 at half-time.

The Roar upped the ante after the break with Marcinho and Zullo pushing forward but the well-organised Jets defence was able to nullify most of the attacking raids.

Covic gloved Reinaldo's stab from eight yards, Jade North was able to block Massimo Murdocca's goal-bound drive in the 67th minute while Zullo, who looked electric on the left wing, could only chip his shot over the bar under pressure from Elrich.

After soaking up all the pressure, the Jets looked like they had sealed the match in the 80th minute when Joel Griffiths laid off for substitute Troy Hearfield to stroke into an open goal. But the linesman had his flag up for offside against Griffiths and the score remained 1-0.

With the game seemingly out of the Roar's grasp the visitors were thrown a lifeline when Jets midfielder Adam D'Appuzzo was adjudged to have brought down Queensland substitute Simon Lynch inside the area and Green pointed to the spot. Reinaldo sent Covic the wrong way to level the scores and sent the match into extra time.

Newcastle attacked with venom in the first period of added time and was rewarded with a penalty of its own when Ogenovski felled Jets Korean substitute Jin-Hyung Song in the area. Joel Griffiths fired home his 14th goal of the season to send the home crowd into jubilation.

The Jets looked like it had made sure of the win when Joel Griffiths set Elrich free on the right wing and the 21-year-old fired home his first goal of the season with a venomous angled strike from 20 yards.

But there was still more action as Elrich brought down Zullo in the area for another penalty. Reinaldo stepped up to slot home and make it 3-2. But the Jets were able to hold on for a memorable victory, a place in the Asian Champions league next year and a chance to win this season's Grand Final.

Newcastle Jets 3 (Thompson 40, Joel Griffiths 103pen, Elrich 109)

Queensland Roar 2 (Reinaldo 90pen, 117pen)

TOP SCORERS

12- Joel Griffiths (NJ)
9- Shane Smeltz (WP)
8 - Jamie Harnwell (PG), Alex Brosque (SFC)
7- John Aloisi (CCM), Danny Allsopp (MV)
6- Archie Thompson (MV), Nikita Rukavytsya (PG), Reinaldo (QR), Sasho Petrovski (CCM)
5- Adam Kwasnik (CCM), Lucas Pantelis (AU), Bruce Djite (AU), Steve Corica (SFC), Travis Dodd (AU)
4- Billy Celeski (PG), Carlos Hernandez (MV), Daniel (WP), Kevin Muscat (MV), Paul Agostino (AU), Robbie Kruse (QR)
3- Adrian Caceres (MV), Felipe (WP), James Holland (NJ), John Hutchinson (CCM), Josh McCloughan (QR), Marcinho (QR), Mark Bridge (NJ), Matt McKay (QR), Nathan Burns (AU), Ufuk Talay (SFC)

GRAND FINAL

Mariners v Jets
Sunday 14th Feb KO 5pm

BAYSWATER INDOOR SOCCER SHOP
20% OFF ALL FOOTWEAR
SUPPLIERS OF: **COVO**NIKE** MITRE**PATRICK**ONLY SPORT**
FFV APPROVED TEAM WEAR AND SOCCERBALLS
FOR THE BEST CLUB DEALS OF BALLS, GLOVES AND TEAMWEAR
13 BURTON COURT, BAYSWATER PHONE 9729 1999
HOURS: MON-FRI 10AM-10PM SAT 9AM TO 1PM
20% OFF ALL FOOTWEAR